### Fahd begins visit to France

PARIS (AP) — President Francois Mitterrand greeted King Fahd of Saudi Arabia as he arrived in Paris Wednesday for a two-day state visit, the last in a series of trips that has taken the monarch from Algeria to Britain. There has been no official indication of the topics to be discussed with Mr. Mitterrand and Premier Jacques Chirac, but it is thought they will cover the Middle East problem and the Iran-Iraq war. King Fahd's visit comes amid fierce competition between France. Britain, West Germany, Italy and the Netherlands for a 23-billion franc (nearly \$4-billion) Saudi naval contract. In mid-March, France concluded a 3.5-billion franc (about \$583-million) contract to equip Saudi internal security forces. It is now vying to supply the kinedem with six to eight submarines and to construct a military town and naval base in Jeddah France last year imported 23 per cent of its oil from Saudi Arabia, making that country its prime oil supplier. But improving relations have recently taken a decidedly political turn, with recent visits by the French defence and interior ministers to Riyadh and visits by Saudi officials to Paris

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#### Klibi assails Israeli actions

TUNIS (R) — The head of the Arab League on Wednesday condemned as barbaric Israet's reaution to an upsurge of Palestinian resistance in Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza. Arab League Secretary General Chadli Klibi said thousands of Israelis had besieged the Palestinian town of Kalkilya, attacked innocent civilians and laid waste to fields "in sight of and with knowledge of Israeli forces, who do nothing to stop these atrocities." "Israeli leaders want their voice to dominate all others and that the world only have ears for their orther sak calls for liberty for Jews, for the rights of Jews, and Jewish attachment to the motherland," he said in a statement. "But they reply with violence and barbarity to any demonstration expressing the aspiration of Arab populations to independence, or their attachment to a state, whether it is in the West Bank, Gaza or Golan, or even their love of freedom.

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#### Businessmen return, thank Mubarak

AMMAN (Petra) - A delegation made up of members of the Jordanian-Egyptian Business Council returned home on Wednesday after a four-day visit to Egypt during which they discussed bilateral economic and trade relations to support the joint march of the two countries. The council's president, Mamdouh Abu Hassan, sent a cable to Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak expressing thanks and appreciation for receiving the delegation and said that the council's meetings gave fruitful and positive results that would boost the joint economic march between Jordan and Egypt.

#### **Tehran criticises** Soviet Union

BAHRAIN (AP) — Iran on Wednesday criticised the Soviet Union's decision to rent oil tankers to Kuwait, whose shipping has been a frequent target of missilearmed Iranian gunboats. But the head of Kuwait's state-owned tanker fleet has denied his country is renting the Soviet ships, which could be less vulnerable to attack because of their nationality. Moscow has confirmed the tanker-leasing deal on Tuesday. In Tehran, a Foreign Ministry spokesman described the Soviet move as "surprising" and warned that only Gulf nations were entitled to intervene in regional

#### Soviet leaders meet U.S. delegation

MOSCOW (AP) - Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev and President Andrei Gromyko met at the Kremlin on Wednesday with a U.S. congressional delegation led by Jim Wright, speaker of the House of Representatives. The. delegates met Mr. Gorbachev a day after the Soviet Communist Party general secretary revealed some new arms control proposals in a meeting with U.S. Secretary of State George P. Shultz. No details were released on the Wright meeting with Mr. Gor-bachev. The Soviet news agency TASS said Mr. Gromyko told the Wright delegation that Mr. Shultz's reaction to Mr. Gorbachev's new proposals "do not present a basis for an accord."

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# protests and strikes

Jews visit Haram Al Sharif under army escort

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (Agencies) — Merchants in the occupied West Bank town of Ramallah closed their shops for the third straight day Wednesday to protest the killing of a Palestinian student who was shot dead by Israeli soldiers.

Birzeit University officials met to discuss ways to continue studies for the school's 3,000 students following the Israeli army's order that the campus be closed for four months.

The army issued the order Monday after 23-year-old Musa Al Hanafi was shot to death when Israeli troops stormed the Birzeit campus to disperse hundreds of smdent demonstrators.

The Birzeit clash followed by one day the killing of an Israeli settler who burned to death after attackers threw a firebomb at the car she was travelling in near the West Bank settlement of Alfei

In Arab Jerusalem, Israeli police detained a Palestinian enraged by the presence of 40 Jewish extremists touring the Haram Al Sharif area, a site of two holy Islamic mosques.

"This is my home, don't come witnesses quoted the Palesti-

Syman troops deployed

non in 1982.

both missions.

been since Israel invaded Leba-

A police statement said two Israeli jet fighters also broke the

sound barriers over Beirut, 40

No air attacks were reported in

"It seems the Israelis were

flying an apparent reconnaissance

kilometres to the north.

nian as saying when the Jews

began shouting and brandished a ordered school closures. ram's horn in violation of a ban on ritual objects. Border police armed with M-16 rifles guarded

senior official of the Waqf religious council controlling the area, Ramallah was quiet, said: "The mosque is special only to Arab people. This must be only for Muslims. This is not the place for Jews to come and pray." In developments elsewhere in the occupied territories, the Israeli army closed off the main

Police allowed groups of six or

SIDON Lebanon (AP) - Sonic of deployment," said a police

began their tour, ostensibly to mark the Jewish Passover

Zaid Al Amal Al Jamal, a

said Palestinian sources in Gaza. In Ramallah, 35-year-old biol-

Israeli planes fly over Syrian positions in Sidon

booms cracked over this southern port city Wednesday as Israeli The Syrians said their move warplanes apparently made resouthward was aimed at ending connaissance flights, a day after the 23-month-old battle between Palestinians and the Shi ite Ama outskirts, police said.

The Syrian deployment on the militia around Sidon's two Palestinian refugee camps and in northern outskirts of Sidon Tuesthe hills east of the city. Lebaday is the farthest south they have non's third largest.

> The 120 Syrian paratroopers stopped at the Awali River, about eight kilometres from the refugee camps of Mich Mich and 'Ain Al Hilweh. Press reports have said Israel considers the narrow stream 60 kilometres north of its border a "red line" beyond which Israel would not

#### mission over the new Syrian area tolerate a Syrian presence. Soldier killed in E. Beirut blast ploded within five minutes in the

BEIRUT (Agencies) - A Lebanese soldier was killed when a time-bomb blew up in a fashionable suburb of east Beirut on Wednesday, an army bomb disposal expert said.

The Lebanese army's chief bomb disposal officer, Yousef Bitar, told Reuters the bomb exploded in the soldier's Mercedes saloon, blowing him to

Local radios said the 1100 GMT blast triggered several fires,

It was the third car bombing in the mainly Christian eastern sec-tor of the Lebanese capital in less than a week.
On Sunday, two carbombs ex-

SHARJAH (AP) — Libya and

Iraq are moving towards restor-

ing diplomatic relations, and a

senior Iraqi delegation was ex-

pected in Tripoli later this month

for further talks, a newspaper

Libya is Iran's ally in the Gulf

Libyan leader Col. Muammar

war against Iraq, and ties be-

tween Baghdad and Tripoli were

Qadhafi has begun in recent

months distancing himself from

Iran over Tehran's refusal to dis-

end to the 61/2-year-old conflict.

Al Khaleej quoted unidentified

Arab sources in the Libyan capit-

al as saying that an Iraqi team, led by Fadil Al Barak, the former

security chief, visited Libya

The Sharjah-based newspaper

reported Wednesday.

severed in 1985.

and militiamen cordoned off the fashionable residential area of Jal Al Deeb, on the northern edge of

suburb of Sadd Al Bouchrieh. Thirteen civilians were injured by police count. In west Beirut, sticks of dyna-

mite thrown from speeding cars have triggered several explosions in recent weeks.

More than 60 random blasts have hit west Beirut since some 7,000 Syrian troops deployed there in February to quell fighting between the Shi'te Amal militia and leftists.

Pro-Syrian militiamen said on Tuesday gunmen killed one of their members in Beirut and attacked a party official in eastern Lebanon, wounding two body-

Police confirmed that the attacks had taken place but said

ogy professor Tamer Esewi said Birzeit students were very angry following this week's slaying and the killing of two other Palestinian students in a similar demon-

stration last December. "We've lost three of our young men in four months," Prof. Esewi said in an interview. "The only end to the violence will be the end of occupation.'

University officials met to try to devise ways to continue holding classes even though the campus is closed. In the past, professeven Jews to ascend the Dome sors have held classes in churches of the Rock Mosque until one and apartments during Israeli-

"The Israelis are trying to take away our academic life, but we will do whatever we can to keep going," said a student. "The authorities are just pushing us to Ramallah was quiet, with the

streets largely empty because of the commercial strike. Israeli soldiers patrolled on foot and in Meanwhile, the Arab Jeru-

salem Arabic language newspap-er Al Fajr in an editorial proshopping street in Gaza City for tested the Israeli detention of several hours after protesters Palestinian leaders who were threw stones at Israeli soldiers, rounded up on Sunday. The

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### Iranians rocket sheep freighter

BAHRAIN (AP) - A Philippines-flag vessel sailing to Kuwait with a load of Australian sheep was attacked and set ablaze Wednesday by an Iranian gunboat in the central sector of the Gulf, shipping executives reported.

Gulf-based marine salvage executives said no casualties were reported among the crew of the stricken 17,950-tonne Corriedale Express. It was not clear what had happened to the sheep caught in the blaze.

The attack took place about 130 kilometres northeast of Qatar at 12:45 a.m. Three tugboats rushed to help the stricken vessel and about three hours later were reported to be bringing the fire under control, the executives

The ship was the eighth Kuwaitirelated vessel to be attacked by the Iranians this year. It was carrying the load from the Australian port of Adelaide. The London-based Lloyds

shipping intelligence unit, which monitors shipping traffic around the world, quoted the captain of the vessel as saying in his Mayday message that the Corriedale Express was "attacked by two Iranian rockets."

The salvage executives said that the raiding gunboat only used rocket-propelled grenades, a new practice to which the Irathey did not know the motive. I nians have resorted recently.

# Palestinians keep up Tindemans begins talks reaffirming EC commitment towards Mideast conference

with agency dispatches

AMMAN — Belgian Foreign Minister and European Community (EC) Council of Ministers President Leo Tindemans began talks with Jordanian leaders on Wednesday, reaffirming the 12nation EC's commitment to seeking common grounds for convening an international peace conference on the Middle East.

During a meeting with Foreign Minister Taher Al Masri, Mr. Tindemans, who will also visit Egypt and Saudi Arabia, confirmed the community was "determined to continue moves towards convening the conference and fulfilling its entrusted role.

reported. The agency said the talks touched on "all proposed concepts ... and the Jordanian concept for an effective confer-

flict including the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO). Prince Hassan, the Regent, received Mr. Tindemans later and reviewed with him the outcome

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Petra, said the Jordanian posi-

tion was in support of the participation of all parties to the con-His Royal Highness Crown

of the latest efforts to remove obstacles in the way of convening the proposed conference. The Belgian minister was also received by Prime Minister Zaid



His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent. on Wednesday meets with Belgian Foreign Minister Leo Tindemans and members of a delegation accompanying him (Petra photo)

# Rifai returns; King awaiting doctors advice on travel after minor surgery

AMMAN (J.T.) — His Majesty an international conference King Hussein has undergone a successful minor operation in the right ear at a London hospital and is due to return to Amman in the coming few days. Prime Minister Zaid Rifai announced here

Mr. Rifai said the King entered hospital last Sunday and left it after the operation the following day but he was awaiting doctors' advice about travelling by air which could expose him to air pressure that could affect the

The prime minister was speaking upon returning to Amman from London following a visit to the United States for talks with Reagan administration officials. Mr. Rifai briefed the King in London on his talks in Washington and the attitude of the U.S. administration with regard to Jordan's call for an international peace conference on Middle

Mr. Rifai described his talks in Washington as exploratory and said he conveyed the Arab stand reiterating that no settlement could be reached except through holding the proposed conference officials.

From Lamis K. Andoni

in Algiers

PALESTINIAN factions were en-

gaged on Wednesday in a flurry

promise formula to regulate the

Palestine Liberation Organisa-

tion's (PLO) relations with Egypt

as both Fatch and the Popular

Front for the Liberation of Pales-

tine (PFLP) — the two largest PLO groups — showed signs of flexibility in their stands over

convening the Palestine National

Council (PNC).

On the third day of the Palesti-

nian national dialogue, the PFLP took the initiative by presenting a

comprehensive and thorough re-

view of the faction's political stands against the PLO lead-

ership since 1982. Abu Ali Mus-

tafa, the PFLP's second-in-com-

of negotiations to find a com-

which should be called by the U.N. secretary-general and in which all concerned parties in the conflict and the five permanent members of the U.N. Security Council should participate.

"We have told the administration that this is not a tactical Arab stand but it represents the minimum acceptable level for moving ahead," Mr. Rifai said. Mr. Rifai said he felt there was

a development in the U.S. stand with regard to the international conference idea, "which is no more rejected in Washington which began to see the importance of holding contacts with other members of the U.N. Security Council.

Mr. Rifai said this progress had been the result of Arab diplomatic efforts, especially those carried out by King Hussein with Arab leaders and with the heads of European nations and the Aligned Movement and Islamic nations. These intensive contacts have vielded a semi unanimity by world nations on the need for

PLO factions seek compromise

surprise when he offered an ex-

tremely candid self-criticism of

some of the group's political posi-tions towards Fatch and PLO

unity. But at the same time, he

also clarified the PFLP's strategy

and asked Fateh to make a simi-

political line since 1982.

lar candid reassessment of its

lengthy presentation, did not

backtrack on the PFLP's demand

that the PLO should sever all

official contacts with Cairo as a

precondition for the PFLP's

attendance at the PNC, sche-

duied to be held here on April 20.

Mr. Mustafa indicated that the

PFLP was ready to explore va-

rious formulae which can regulate

the PLO's relations with Cairo if

there was an agreement on a solid

basis for the PLO's political

strategy and moves.

Although Mr. Mustafa, in his

formula over ties with Egypt

and for this reason it is no longer easy for any country now to ignore it, the prime minister said. The prime minister said King

Hussein received in London a

U.S. envoy who conveyed to him that the U.S. administration had embarked on initial contacts with the U.N. secretary general as a prelude to consultations with the other members of the Security Council. The King also met with the Soviet ambassador to Britain and received a message from Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev on various subjects, the most important of which was the proposal for an international conference and Jordanian-Soviet coordination in this respect, the prime minister added.

He said King Hussein also met with British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher to discuss the European role in the proposed conference.

Returning v Armed Forces Commander-in-Chief General Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker. They were met at airport by Cabinet members and senior

tion, which was described as a

turning point in the course of the

Palestinian reconciliation dia-

logue, reflected the "progress"

that was reached at a late hour on

Tuesday during a meeting of the

major Palestinian factions on the

formulae were discussed. No

further details were available, but

the sources said that a PNC re-

solution regarding relations with

Cairo was expected to include a

clear rejection of the Egyptian-

and related policies, but without

calling for isolating Egypt.

Israeli Camp David agreement

Other sources said that the

Democratic Front for the Libera-

tion of Palestine (DFLP) and the

Palestinian Communist Party.

The sources said that several

#### tive statements have been made in Washington, the last one by (President Ronald) Reagan him-Mr. Arafut is in Harare for a meeting of the Non-Aligned Movement's nine-member com-

Arafat sees

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HARARE (Agencies) — Pales

tine Liberation Organisation

(PLO) Chairman Yasser Arafat

said Wednesday the United

States recently sent "positive sig-

nals" about a proposed interna-

tional peace conference on the

Mr. Arafat told a news confer-

ence the United States had not

decided to participate in a prop-

osed United Nations General

Assembly peace conference, but

"in the last few days some posi-

signals

Middle East.

mittee on Palestine, which supports the proposed conference. He said he would return to Algeria to continue talks with PLO factions trying to strengthen their unity before a meeting of the Palestine National Council

(PNC) on April 20.

The council would discuss the international conference in detail, he said.

Mr. Arafat refused to comment on reports from Algeria that the PLO has decided to abrogate the Feb. 11, 1985, agreement with

Jordan. He said such a decision would

be made democratically. Mr. Arafat said that most countries likely to be involved in the proposed peace talks, including the Soviet Union and China, had voiced their approval.

"For the first time therefore there is a consensus to hold the conference. This will be the main topic at our meeting in Algiers next week," he said.

Commenting on Syria's military intervention to halt fighting between Palestinian and opposing Amal militias in Lebanon, the PLO leader said the Syrians appeared to be giving security only to the Amal.

There is no security for Palestinian refugees, who are still under siege from Amal," he said.

#### (Continued on page 4) mand, took the participants by According to well-informed Superpowers report progress on missile pact MOSCOW (R) — The Soviet Union and the United States on Union and Union union

Wednesday reported progress towards a treaty removing nuclear missiles from Europe but indicated they were still far apart on

other major disarmament issues. Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze told reporters the two powers could with more work conclude an accord on medium-range rocketry --- or intermediate nuclear forces (INF) - by the end of this year.

And U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz told a news conference after three days of talks with Mr. Shevardnadze and Kremlin leader Mikhail Gorbachev that the two sides had made "very considerable headway" on INF.

But their optimistic assessments were tempered with warnings that serious differences remained on how to tackle the problem of strategic, or longrange, weaponty and U.S. President Ronald Reagan's strategic defence initiative (SDI).

An official Soviet report on Mr. Shultz' meeting with the

agreements on strategic forces reached at the Gorbachev-Reagan summit in Revkjavik last October.

And although Mr. Shultz took an invitation to Mr. Gorbachev from Mr. Reagan to visit the U.S. for their third summit, the Soviet leader tied acceptance to completion of an INF accord and agreement on other "key principles" of disarmament.

However, Moscow-based foreign analysts said the outcome of the talks was more positive than had seemed possible when Mr. Shultz left Washington last weekend in the middle of an espionage row between the two

Both sides had accused the other of extensive electronic surveillance of their respective embassies and Mr. Reagan had charged Moscow with overstepping the bounds in allegedly subverting U.S. Marine guards with beautiful female agents.

Although Mr. Shultz said

"strong feelings" on the spying said the period envisaged was issue, no agreement on measures to be taken over the affair was reached with the Soviets and the affair was clearly relegated to the background of the talks.

Mr. Shultz' meeting with Mr. Gorbachev on Tuesday was marked by a new packet of offers by the Kremlin chief which he said were aimed at breaking logjams on the INF question, SDI and an underground nuclear test

Since last Friday, when he told a meeting in Prague he was ready to link talks on short-range nucdiscussions," Mr. Gorbachev and his negotiators have twice improved their proposals in Euro-

pean rocketry. On Tuesday he told Mr. Shultz a clause into an INF agreement pledging to dismantle short-range missiles, with a radius of from 500 to 1,000 kilometres, within a spe-

cific and short time-frame.

Wednesday he had expressed Mr. Shultz, Mr. Shevardnadze only one year. Mr. Gorbachev had also said he was prepared to liquidate all tactical battlefield weapons.

> The fast-moving Soviet diplomacy appeared aimed at keeping up the momentum towards and INF treaty following mounting expressions of concern in Western Europe that a mediumrange accord would leave it open to Moscow's tactical missiles.

Mr. Shultz declined to say how he assessed the Soviet proposals and told the news conference at lear weapons in Europe to INF the Foreign Ministry's press centre they would have to be discussed with Washington's North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) allies.

The secretary of state flew Moscow would be ready to write from Moscow to Brussels Wednesday night to brief NATO

on his talks. In the Soviet capital, First Deputy Foreign Minister Alexander Bessmertnykh briefed ambassadors of the East bloc's On Wednesday, as reported by Warsaw Pact alliance.

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> March 28. "A lot of progress towards resuming diplomatic relations has been scored," the daily said.

Libya and Iraq said closer to normal ties "The main obstacles between Libya and Iraq have been removed," the sources said, adding that "what remains are minor issues which will be solved

"Restoration of the relations is now a matter of time," said the

There was no immediate com-

ment from Iraq or Libya on the Normalisation of relations between Libya and Iraq was the result of Arab and Soviet mediation which involved Arab League Secretary-General Chadli Klibi and Palestinian leaders, the

sources said. Libya and Syria are the only two Arab countries who sided with Iran against Iraq in the war. Iraq has accused Libya of supplying Iran with Soviet-made surface-to-surface missiles used in

attacks on Baghdad. Al Khaleej also quoted uniden-

tified diplomatic sources as saying that a mediation bid by Saudi Arabia has succeeded in drawing up an agreement between Iraq and Syria. Under the agreement, Iraq

would resume pumping its crude oil through Syrian territory to the Mediterranean port of Banias. The agreement was the out-

come of an Iraqi-Syrian meeting held in Riyadh recently, the sources said. It did not elaborate. There was no confirmation from the Saudi capital on the Syria blocked the pipeline in

April 1982 as part of its support

for Iran in the war, cutting Iraq's

only oil export outlets at a time

when its Gulf oil ports were closed by the fighting. The Iraqis have since developed oil export outlets through Turkey and Saudi

# Swiss move to help U.S. in arms-for-Iran probe

ZURICH (R) — Switzerland has rejected an appeal from five individuals and two firms seeking to prevent U.S. access to bank accounts linked to the arms-for-Iran scandal, the Justice Ministry said

Spokesman Joerg Kistler told Reuters from Berne that the federal police office had turned down the appeal to bar U.S. authorities from gaining information about the accounts.

The United States has asked for details of bank accounts in Switzerland held by about 20 Swiss, U.S., Iranian and Saudi Arabian individuals and firms.

The U.S. request was part of investigations into the alleged diversion of the proceeds of Iranian arms sales to anti-government Nicaraguan "contra" rebels via Swiss banks.

Kistler declined to name the seven individuals and firms, but he said former U.S. National Security Council aide Col. Oliver North was not among them.

The seven have until around mid-May to try one last appeal to Switzerland's highest court, the federal court in Lausanne. If their appeal there is rejected, the information will be released to the

U.S. authorities asked Switzerland in mid-December to freeze accounts at the Geneva branch of Credit Suisse belonging to Col. North, Maj.-Gen. Richard

LONDON (Agencies) — Libya

Secord, a retired air force officer, and Albert Hakim, an Iranian-

born U.S. businessman. The freeze was part of a bid for Swiss legal assistance, which, if granted, would allow the lifting of Switzerland's tough banking

U.S. authorities extended their request in three subsequent stages in December and January. In some cases they merely asked for information and did not demand a freezing of accounts.

Swiss officials have not released a definitive list of the some 20 parties mentioned in the U.S.

However, Kistler confirmed that the companies included Geneva-based Compagnie De Service Fiduciares, believed to have acted as an agent in the arms sales, and another firm based in Florida which is believed to have

relayed funds to the contras. Saudi Arabian arms delaer Adnan Kashoggi was also among those named in the U.S. request, a legal source said.

Meanwhile the U.S. Senate urged a sceptical judge Tuesday to order Gen. Second to release foreign bank records believed linked to the Iran-contra arms

U.S. district judge Aubrey Robinson Jr. said he would rule in the case, but he called the order the Senate was seeking "a charade," said the Swiss might reject it and suggested whatever decision he makes will surely be

Senate Attorney Michael Davidson said the Tower Commission had identified Gen. Secord's "prominence in global arrangements with respect to shipment of arms to Iran."

The commission's report also said Gen. Secord was involved in a network supporting the Nicaraguan rebeis known as contras. It said contributions appear to have been routed to the contras through a series of private organisations, some of them linked to Secord-controlled bank accounts by a chart found in the safe of

The Senate Iran-contra Committee wants the records to learn about the flow of money through the Swiss bank accounts, Mr. Davidson said.

The Senate voted last month to seek a contempt of court citation that would threaten Gen. Secord with imprisonment if he did not sign documents giving investigators access to bank records in Switzerland, the Cayman Islands

# Libya marks anniversary of U.S. raids

has accused the United States of continued aggression on the first anniversary of U.S. air raids on Tripoli and Benghazi. Benghazi on April 15 last year. Libyan television, monitored

by the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC), broadcast an account of a mass meeting lasting nearly four hours Tuesday night in the bombed former residence of Libyan leader Muammar

A Foreign Ministry statement issued on Libvan radio said the main purpose of the U.S. attack had been to assassinate Col. Qadhafi. It described the raid as an act of official state terrorism and accused the United States of continuing its aggression Wednesday.

Sixth Fleet in the Mediterranean and from bases in Britain bombed the Libyan cities of Tripoli and

Col. Qadhafi's home in a Tripoli barracks was hit. His 16month-old adopted daughter was people." reported killed and two sons were

Washington said the attacks were in retaliation for alleged Libyan complicity in the bombing of a West Berlin discotheque. Libya has denied involvement in international terrorism.

The Libyan statement said: "Despite its political and military defeat at the hands of the Libyan people ... the United States is said sovereignty over the strip is continuing its aggression by using not negotiable. people ... the United States is

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American planes from the U.S. all military, political, media and

economic means... "What is now taking place in Chad and along our southern border is but an extension and continuation of the flagrant aggression against the Libvan

Chadian forces have recently driven Libyan troops backing rebels fighting the N'Djamena government from northern Chad.

French Cooperation Minister Michel Aurillac said on Monday the Chadian army was making constant incursions into the Aouzou Strip, a disputed area believed rich in minerals on the Chad-Libya border. Libya has

# North reportedly got FBI report on contra-aid probe

WASHINGTON (AP) National Security Council (NSC) aide Oliver North received an FBI investigative report last year on a criminal probe of alleged gunrunning to the Nicaraguan contras, a Justice Department spokesman said Tuesday.

The document was written by an Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) agent working in Miami, said federal law enforcement sources, speaking on condition they not be identified. It allowed Col. North to keep tabs on an investigation that potentially could have revealed his own possible role in assistance to the contras during a two-year congressional ban on U.S. military aid to the guerrilla force.

The sources said the document was found in Col. North's files at the NSC after the Iran-contra affair was uncovered last November, but spokesmen for the FBI and Justice Department declined to confirm that.

The sources said the document appears to have been supplied to Col. North through the FBI field office in Miami.

"It is my understanding that an FBI memo was routed to Col. North at some point earlier last year," said Justice Department spokesman Patrick Korten. Mr. Korten added that Col.

North "did not obtain it from either the main Justice Department or the FBI in Washington and would not normally have been given such material." The fact that the FBI document

was sent to Col. North was confirmed after Newsweek magazine reported that Col. North was routinely sent copies of FBI files about the contra network. The gunrunning probe con-

tinues to be conducted by the office of U.S. attorney Leon Kellner in Miami, with FBI agents there assisting. News reports have said Attorney General Edwin Meese slowed down the pace of the

a.m. - 1 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Closed on Friday.
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### Soviet aide seeks to boost Moscow's image in Gulf

KUWAIT (R) - Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Vladimir Petrovsky arrives in Kuwait Thursday on a Gulf tour expected to boost Moscow's growing profile in the area amid Arab disenchantment with Washington.

It comes amid signs the Gulf emirate favours a bigger superpower role in regional security, as fears persist of a spillover of the 61/2-year-old Iran-Iraq war.

Until recently, Kuwait and other members of the six-nation Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) – Saudi Àrabia, Bahrain, Òman, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) - insisted the region would ensure its own security and stability.

Fearful of creating openings for foreign intervention, they repeatedly argued in favour of limit-

ing superpower roles.

Diplomats say, however, three has been a clear shift in recent months after Tehran singled out ships trading with Kuwait for attack in the Gulf in retaliation for hefty Kuwaiti financial and logistical support for Iraq in the

Kuwait, believed reflect the views of the GCC, he declared security of the waterway, through which a tenth of the world's oil flows, an international responsi-

"As such, we do not denounce the concern the big powers have demonstrated over what is happening in the Gulf waters and the efforts of these powers to ensure free navigation," Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmad Al

After what diplomats said were months of talks with Moscow and Washington, Kuwait has agreed to charter three tankers from the

its oil shipments. A Soviet Foreign Ministry spokesman said in Moscow Tuesday the tankers would enjoy naval protection if needed.

Soviet Union in a move to protect

Washington offered a naval escort for Kuwaiti vessels but U.S. officials said this had been turned down, at least for the time

Diplomats said talks with the superpowers also covered the possibility of registering Kuwaiti vessels under U.S. and Soviet flags to make them formidable diplomatic targets in any attack. But this invites legal problems.

"It seems they (Kuwait) are very eager to involve both the United States and the Soviet Union as much as possible," a senior Western diplomat said.

"If you go back not too long ago, the GCC's objective was that the security of the Gulf was a concern for the regional powers. But there is definitely a new attitude," he remarked

Mr. Petrovsky, in the Soviet quest to widen ties in the Gulf, is expected to profit from Arab disillusionment over American arms sales to non-Arab Iran, Western and Arab diplomats

Knwait opened diplomatic relations with Moscow in 1963, and for 22 years the only Gulf Arab state with Soviet ties. In 1985, the Kremlin formalised ties with Oman and the UAE.

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# Carter: Time is ripe for Mideast peace bid

U.S. President Jimmy Carter has said there was an overwhelming consensus among Arab nations that the time was ripe for an international conference to bring peace to the Middle East.

He said Syria's conversion to the idea "was quite a new and exciting development to me" and called on the Reagan administration to take advantage of the opportunity.

"I think it would be a very popular political move for the Reagan administration to take in its last 20 months as the champion or proponent of peace in the Middle East," he said in an interview with Cable News Network

"There is an all-encompassing consensus among Syria, Jordan and Egypt," for a new bid for peace, Mr. Carter said.

"My thought is that our nation would find this the appropriate

WASHINGTON (R) - Former time to press for Middle East peace under the umbrella of an

international peace conference. he added. "Many people in the Middle East are waiting for the United States to say it is time to move."

Mr. Carter said top officials, like Secretary of State George Shultz, whom he met after returning from a tour of the region earlier this month that included 10 hours of talks with Syrian President Hafez Al Assad, had expressed "tremendous interest" in his views.

"But I didn't ask for or receive any specific commitment. That's a decision for President Reagan," he added.

The Reagan administration has been cautious on the idea of a conference, being promoted by Jordan, under the auspices of the five permanent members of the U.N. Security Council.

# Americans doubt Reagan on Iran scandal — poll

WASHINGTON (R) — Less than a third of Americans believe President Reagan told the truth about the Iran-contra scandal, a New ABC News-Washington Post poll has said.

The poli also showed a majority of Americans - by a 60-to-34 per cent margin - believe the country is not generally moving in the right direction.

The survey was conducted among 1,509 adult Americans selected nationwide and interviewed on April 9-13. The margin of error is plus or minus three percentage pomts.

Forty-eight per cent gave Mr. Reagan a positive job approval rating, down two points from the 50 per cent he got three weeks ago after he gave a nationally televised news conference dominated by questions about the scandal.

Mr. Reagan's job rating remained in the 45-50 per cent range, where it fell when the scandal erupted in November 1986 over revelations that the United States secretly sold arms to Iran and that some of the sales profits were diverted to Nicaraguan rebels, known as contras. fighting the Managua govern-

The poll showed 65 per cent of those surveyed doubted Mr. Reagan told the truth about the

### Iran urges U.N. action against U.S. 'provocations'

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has urged the U.N. secretary general to deal with what it called provocative actions" by the United States in the Gulf region. In a letter to the U.N. chief.

Iranian representative Said Rajaie Khorassani said the United States had heightened tension in the area by increasing its military presence under the guise of main-

UNITED NATIONS (R) - Iran taining freedom of navigation. He said Iran, which believed the U.S. military presence was aimed at supporting Iraq, would not be intimidated by such man-

> Iran, he added, would support any measure aimed at strengthening freedom of navigation in the Gulf and the peace and security of the region as a whole.

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### TODAY'S EVENTS

**EXHIBITIONS** 

\* Art exhibition by Jordanian artist Carol Younsi, at Alia Art Gallery runs

An art exhibition by Moh Qaitouqah, at the Spanish Cultural Centre, Amman (until April 18).

\* An art exhibition by Dutch artist Huge de Reede at the Petra Art Gallery.

Ceramics exhibition by Jim Mason at the British Council (until April 16).

CONCERTS

\* Two concerts by the Boogie Jam's at 6:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. Thursday at the New York, New York Restaurant

\* "A Star is Born" at 7:00 p.m. Thursday at the American Centre. CULTURAL CENTRES

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"Children's Heritage and Science Museum," Fun and knowledge for all ages, plus a small planetarium at the Haya Arts Centre. Open all week 9:00

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ROYAL JORDANIAN FLIGHTS (Terminal 1)

# **Afro-Asian Rural Reconstruction** Organisation opens regional office

AMMAN (J.T.) — Minister of Municipal and Rural Affairs and the Environment Yousef Hamdan Al Jaber Wednesday opened a regional office for the Afro-Asian Rural Reconstruction Organisation (AARRO) in

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in a speech on the occasion. the minister said that developing rural regions remains one of the basic elements for building comprehensive development in any country and therefore any cooperation among countries at the regional and international levels is bound to achieve the aspirations of peoples around the

An agreement between the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and the AARRO Secretary General Jinjo Pandhi was signed here in September to open a regional office for the AARRO in Amman. The office is one of four

regional offices the AARRO de-cided to set up in Asia and Africa during its last conference held in Seoul, South Korea, last April.

In his address, the minister said that Jordan has been fully cooperative with United Nations organisations and responded favourably to AARRO's request to open the regional office in Amman. Jordan is now making preparations for hosting the organisation's 9th meeting in Amman on April 21, the minister con-

This conference will focus attention on issues related to the development of rural regions in Asia and Africa, the minister explained in a statement to the Jordan News Agency, Petra.

Wide range of programmes

Mr. Jaber added that the re-

gional office will handle activities in rural regions of the Middle East and help national governments deal with the problems of hunger, thirst, poverty and dis ease. The organisation will also help with eradicating illiteracy in addition to exchanging information and expertise in rural development affairs, he continued.

The opening ceremony was attended by heads of diplomatic missions of countries participating in the organisation's activities and several senior Jordanian

The AARRO, which was founded after the Second World War, is aimed at developing understanding and cooperation among member nations, especially in rural regions, and helping member states to acquire financial assistance for rural develop-

# Newly established centre holds seminar on hearing and speech disorders

By Najwa Najjar Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN - A one-day seminar on "Phoniatrics and Logopedics" was beld Wednesday at the University of Jordan to shed new light on issues related to the field of hearing and speech disorders. A Swiss team was invited by the phonetics research centre to participate in discussions on problems which arise in this field.

In an opening speech, Dr. Yousef Al Halees, head of the centre at the University of Jordan, said the centre was established a year ago with the aims of conducting research on Arabic phonetics and applying the results of the research in a practical way.

"The centre is still in its formulative stage, however, it pleases me to say that there are a number of graduate students carrying out scientific research on speech defects," said Dr. Halees, who is also a professor of English language and phonetics. He added that the door of the centre is open for all who want to

### Cooperation

Dr. Halees went on to say that the centre is determined to continue its cooperation with visiting medical teams and any other Arab or international medical institution which extends a helping

Times that the centre presently collaborates with phonetic centres at London University, McGill University in Canada, the Royal Institute of Technology in Sweden, and the speech disorder unit in Ain Shampes University in

All institutes in the Kingdom which cater for the deaf and mutes such as the Queen Alia Institute for the Deaf and the King Hussein Medical Centre among others, benefit from the centre, he said. A two-month course for instructors on teaching Arabic phonetics at various institutions has recently begun, Dr.

Halees continued. In addition, many of the instructors attended the seminar which tackled topics such as: voice disorders and treatment; modern techniques in speech analysis; hearing screening and testing: pendred and mobious syndromes in Jordan: speech delay and hearing; teaching the deaf; an informative and psycholinguistic approach to facilitate communication for those with se-

vere speech handicaps. Most of the topics will be presented by members of the Swiss medical team invited by the centre. The team is headed by Dr. A. Muller, the president of the International Association of Phonetics and Logopedics. Dr. N. Kotby from the speech disorder unit in Cairo will also deliver a lecture.

### Survey on schoolchildren

The team, in cooperation with the centre and the Ministry of Education, has begun a survey on speech and hearing defects among Jordanian schoolchildren.. Students suffering from hearing and speech impediments throughout the Kingdom were asked by the Ministry of Education to fill out forms and to gather on a specific date to be seen the newly-

Centre, and on Tuesday schoolchildren in Irbid were seen. Schools in Karak, Aqaba, the Jordan Valley and Amman will be visited over the weekend and on Saturday, Sunday and Monday,

According to Dr. Halees "no exact number of children and adults afflicted with these disorders has been recorded. However, if we take Irbid as an example, there is a very large number." He explained that they expected only 20 students to appear, "but, close to 700 were waiting for us." Dr. Halees noted that pre-schoolchildren and adults were not included in this "We have a big problem which needs a national campaign to draw peoples' attention to it,"

Participants in this seminar hope that it will create some awareness about the problem in addition to benefitting from specialists research. A masters student working at the centre, Thiab Ailouni, said that the disorders arise from accidents, diseases, congential reasons and environment. Elaborating on the last cause, Mr. Ajlouni said: "Many times during a child's development parents, who are often uneducated, do not encourage a child to express his thoughts, and speech depends on thought.' He added that many parents do not realise that their child has an can be done about it and therefore, with time, the disorder be-

comes progressively worse. Dr. Mahmond Al Samra, vice president of the University of On Monday the team visited the Queen Alia Centre for the Deaf and the King Hussein Medical please of the Seminar.

### No plans to include private sector in ministry's health insurance scheme —Hamzeh

By Abdullah Nsour Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN -- The Health Ministry has not made any plans to include private sector employees in its health insurance scheme, and does not contemplate deducting any fees from these employees' salaries in return for health services, Minister of Health Zaid Hamzeh said Wednesday.

Addressing a press conference, the minister said that neither the Health Ministry nor the Higher Health Council can serve as a substitute for the work of private companies with regard to health insurance matters but added that they both try to help provide health services for workers in these companies and organisa-

A number of organisations have expressed some reservations about the ministry's health insurance scheme to cover employees in the private sector after initially reading the financial terms of the scheme, he continued, pointing out that these terms later proved to be inaccurate. Inaccuracies occurring in a study for the inclusion of non-government employees in the scheme are being removed, the minister said.

Dr. Hamzeh said that the Ministry of Health will shortly set up a board of directors for the health insurance fund and that this board would comprise representatives of the private sector, the Federation of Jordanian Labour Unions, the Federation of Jordanian Chambers of Commerce, industrial concerns and businesses as well as the Health Ministry and medical associa-

The ministry aims to apply a unified insurance system for all sectors with the hope of ensuring comprehensive health insurance for all members of the public taking into consideration the existing health insurance scheme for civil servants and the armed forces, Dr. Hamzeh added.

The minister announced that an enlarged meeting will be held towards the end of April to discuss this subject and he stressed that no decision would be taken on the issue unless all parties

### Muasher assures private sector of continuing support

ZARQA (Petra) — Minister of from Jordanian expatriates. Industry and Trade Rajai The government has ado Muasher Wednesday said that the commercial sector in Jordan constitutes one of the pillars of the national economy and in view of its importance the government will continue to support this sector to enable it to shoulder its tasks and responsibilities.

Addressing a meeting attended by heads of Jordanian chambers of commerce and the executive committee of the Federation of Jordanian Chambers of Commerce (FJCC), Dr Muasher said that his ministry will study any project submitted by the commercial sector which aims at serving the public interest.

Dr. Muasher referred to the economic situation in Jordan and said that the national economy is now facing two major problems which he listed as unemployment in view of the increasing number of graduates who find no jobs and a drop in financial assistance from Arab states. He also said that the simation had been aggravated by a decrease in Jordanian exports

Council of Arab Social Develop-

ment Ministers began in Tunis on

Wednesday under the chair-manship of Minister of Labour

and Social Development Khaled

Al Haj Hassan and with the

participation of delegates from

In his speech at the opening of

the meeting, Mr. Haj Hassan expressed his hope that the meet-

ing would give momentum to

ioint Arab action and he reiter-

ated Jordan's keenness on de-

veloping joint Arab action to

achieve the interests of all Arab

The minister told the Jordan

News Agency, Petra, correspon-

dent in Tunis that the executive

bureau reviewed the topics on its

agenda and approved the alloca-

tion of \$600,000 as financial

support to 11 social development

projects submitted by 11 Arab

Traditional industries

seven Arab states.

Haj Hassan chairs Arab

social affairs talks in Tunis

TUNIS (Petra) — Meetings of ort a Jordanian project for the de-the executive bureau of the velopment of traditional indus-

The government has adopted

several measures for dealing with the present economic situation one of which is increasing customs duty on imported goods for the sake of supporting local production and also saving foreign currency, the minister said.

He said that these measures have resulted in boosting the role of the private sector and national

Dr. Muasher called on the chambers of commerce to coordinate their work with one another, especially with those in charge of industry, and he urged them to form FJCC committees and work closely with the government on all matters related to industry and At the outset of the meeting,

Mr. Hamdi Al Tabbaa, the FICC's president, said that the private sector realises the economic circumstances through which Jordan is passing following the periods of recession, and economic boom and the private sector a decrease in Jordanian exports appreciates the government's meand a drop in money transfers asures to handle the situation.

tries and handicrafts since this

scheme is aimed at securing a

income, Mr. Haj Hassan con-

also appreciated the recent estab-

lishment of the Arab Council for

Child Development and recom-mended that the Council of Arab

Social Development Ministers

support this new establishment

which will provide its services and

care to about 40 per cent of the

Discussing the Jordanian project to develop traditional handicrafts, Mr. Haj Hassan pointed out that his ministry has taken a

number of measures to imple-

ment this project and has allo-cated a building in Amman to

house the programme and to

tional industries and handicrafts

and marketed.

children in the Arab World.

#### opens today AMMAN (J.T.) — The sixth Jordanian dental conference opens in Amman today under the

patronage of His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Re-The conference's president, Dr. Walid Maraqa, said that the two-day meeting will discuss 48

working papers in which 59 researchers have participated. The papers from 12 Arab and foreign countries deal with modern trends in dental surgery and re-lated topics, said Dr. Maraga, who is also president of the Jor-dan Dentists' Association which source of individual and national organised the conference. tinued. He added that the bureau

At least 300 dentists from Arab and foreign countries will take part in the conference, to be held at the Royal Cultural Centre in

The conference will include specialised scientific lectures in addition to an exhibition of dental appliances and medicines, organised by local companies and to be held at the Royal Cultural Centre. Seminars on dental diseases and treatment will also be beld during the conference and a paper on Jordan's experience in the treatment of dental diseases among school students, will be

# Regent receives Syrian minister

Visiting interior minister, Dajani tour PSD and attend graduation ceremony for police officers

Jordan has a deep-rooted rela-

eration in numerous fields, in-

cluding police work and security,

and this is a source of pride for

Lt.-Gen. Majali paid tribute to

the police training school and its

both sides

AMMAN (Petra) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, Wednesday received at the Royal Court Syrian Interior Minister Mohammad Ghabash who is currently on a visit to Jordan.

During the meeting, they re-viewed the close bilateral relations and scopes of joint cooperationship with all Arab countries and always seeks to enhance solition to achieve the interests of the two peoples. The meeting was darity among Arab states, but the relations between Jordan and attended by Court Minister Syria are unique in view of the Adnan Abu Odek, Interior geographic location and their Minister Rajai Dajani and Syrian close family and social ties, Lt. Ambassador in Amman Majid Maiali added. Both countries, he said, have launched close coop-

Mr. Ghabash and Mr. Dajani earlier visited the Public Security Department (PSD) where they met with its Director Lieutenant General Abdul Hadi Al Majali. Lt.-Gen. Majali reviewed the work of the PSD and plans for promoting the work of the police force in the Kingdom.

The PSD plans to ensure comprehensive security which requires setting up new security centres to carry out better services to the citizens, Lt.-Gen. Majali added.

Mr. Ghabash and Mr. Dajani later heard a briefing on the development of the PSD's various sections, toured departments and inspected their opera-

After the briefing, both ministers were accompanied to the Al Muhajireen security centre in Amman where they inspected its facilities and looked into its ser-

The two ministers also attended a ceremony for the graduation of two police groups at the Zarga police training school. At the ceremony, Lt.-Gen. Ma-jali made an address in which he paid tribute to Syria which he described as Jordan's strategic depth and a country whose people are brothers to the Jordanian

6th Jordanian

conference

on dentistry

out, well-trained and qualified men to safeguard the Kinedom's security and he urged the newgraduates to put into practice the skills they acquired during their training course.

At the outset of the ceremony, Brig. Nimer Humud, the school's director, made a speech outlining the training programmes and said that the 148 graduates have been lectured on police work and trained in the use of different types of light weapons.

The graduates paraded before the audience and then received their diplomas and awards from the PSD director.

Later on Wednesday Mr. Rifai received Syrian Interior Minister Mohammad Ghabash. The meeting was attended by Interior Minister Rajai Dajani and Syrian Ambassador in Amman Majid staff for their efforts in turning Abu Saleh.

# Fayez, Zinchuk discuss IPU conference agenda

ceived Soviet Ambassador In Amman Alexander Zinchuk, Mr. Fayez, who is also the president of the Arab Parliamentary Union (APU), discussed with the Soviet ambassador the topics on the agenda of the International Parliamentary Union's (IPU) 77th conference which will be held in Nicaragua later this month.

They also discussed coordination between the stands of Arab parliamentary delegations and those of the Soviet Union on major political topics of common concern to be discussed during

AMMAN (Petra) — Speaker of the Lower House of Parliament Akef Al Fayez Wednesday rethe Middle East.

> Mr. Zinchuk conveyed to Mr. Favez the thanks and gratitude of Supreme Soviet delegation which recently visited Jordan for the care and interest accorded to them during their visit. Such visits, Mr. Zinchuk added, help boost existing relations between Jordanian and Soviet parliamentarians to achieve the interests of the peoples of the two countries and are also bound to contribute towards achieving a just and durable peace in the

# Delegates launch new programme, rates for Budget

BUDGET RENT-A-CAR International held its regional meeting for 1987 in Amman at the Plaza Hotel last week. The delegates from 11 countries discussed the new rates policy for this summer, competition from other companies, and coordination with airline companies on the Air Plus Charge Card — a credit system for use all over the world. The delegates produced a new programme of super leisure rates for Europe and Africa at \$30 per day for the new Charade-Daihatsu. The meeting was held under the new slogan:

"Big Thrills .. Small Bills"

The next international and regional meeting will take place in Paris-France. at the end of next September.

### Guest lecturers present in-depth papers to Third pan-Arab Congress on Psychiatry said, adding that this would cluding a recommendation that account for the unusual ups and mental health be dealt with as an

Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — The Third Pan-Arab Congress on Psychiatry continued its discussions on Wednesday and reviewed several working papers tackling the use of drugs in the treatment of mental diseases, factors affecting amnesia following head injuries and other subjects.

The participants, representing 18 different countries, also discussed research work on AIDS and latest developments in the diagnosis and psychological treatment of persons suffering from the killer disease and the relationship between psychiatry and internal medicine.

Highlights of the plenary session on Tuesday included a long overdue expose by Dr. Ali Kamal from Iraq on the Arab contribution to psychological medicine. The west has methodically ignored the influence of the Arabs on psychology and psychiatry over the years, said Dr. Kamal. Yet, the Arabs were pioneers in psycho-therapy and psychoanalysis. They were known to have used ab-reative therapy, cognitive and supportive therapy and also discovered and coined self-analysis, free association, interpretation of dreams and classification, he pointed out. They also built the first psychiatric hospitals in Aleppo and Baghdad as early as 707 A.D.

Dr. Mohammad Said Kamal, followed with a paper on "Psychiatry in Jordan Past, Present and Future."

"In any discussion about psychiatric services in Jordan during the last 50 years, one is confronted with unusual political and sociological conditions. Those mostly relate to the. Palestinian problem, namely the pre-1948 Palestine, the evolution of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan and the eventual occupation of the whole of Palestine by the Israelis in 1967," the paper

downs in the development of mental health services in Jordan.

In his paper, Dr. Kamal stated: Over the years, in Jordan and in other developing countries, psychiatry has been suffering. It does not have the glamour of other specialities and it has been involved with insanity, traditionally rather hopeless, stigmatised and hidden, and associated

with superstitions. He also said that the early treatment, prevention of chronicity, preventive measures and community centres with a strenuous rehabilitation direction could liberate the psychologically affected from becoming a permanent liability to society.

Dr. Kamal, who is director of the government mental hospital in Bethlehem, put forward some social workers, community health suggestions to the congress in-

integral part of the health delivery system of the country and not an isolated system and that it has: its fair share of the budget and planning in conjunction with

Dr. Kamal suggested that psychiatric in-patient and out-patient services should gradually be expanded to be part of the general hospital and primary care services in the country with hospital units only needed in central, regional hospitals for short period hospitalisation, crisis intervention and some emergencies. He said that the out patient services should fit smoothly within the framework of the other primary care services and should be staffed by specialists or trained physicians supported by a team of

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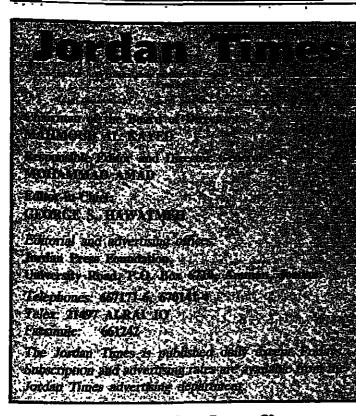
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# Adding fuel to fire

THE U.S. has put on alert a large flotilla of warships in the immediat vicinity of the Strait of Hormuz in order to deter Iran from using Silkworm anti-ship missiles stationed near the mouth of the Gulf against international shipping. At the same time, a well-orchestrated U.S. propaganda is in place, aimed at inducing the Gulf littoral states and the shipping companies to seek protection for their cargo ships by accepting to have them planted with U.S. flags while plying to and fro in the Gulf or have them escorted by U.S. warships.

The U.S. military posture around the Gulf immediately evokes a

number of questions. In what way does this military venture intend to influence the course of the ongoing war in the direction of resolving it? What happens if Iran were to actually use the Silkworm missiles against international shipping? Will the U.S. retaliate by totally destroying all such missiles deployed by Iran along the periphery of the Strait of Hormnz? Or is the military posturing merely a ploy, designed to escalate the war with the ultimate aim of bringing the domestic and foreign policies of the Gulf states directly under U.S. influence?

Apart from these imponderables, it is also likely that in this context the U.S. may come up against two other ticklish predicaments. First, in the past, Iraq's military operations have incapacitated more tankers in the Gulf than Iran has done. In the future too, the possibility of more Iran-bound tankers coming under fire from Iraqi Exocet missiles cannot be ruled out. And French Exocets are reputed to be deadlier than the Chinese Silkworm missiles. What, if by a quirk of events, Iran were to ask the U.S. for protection of its tankers from Exocets? How would, in that event, the U.S. try to reconcile the. contradiction inherent in having to protect the interests of opposing antagonists? Second, Iran's U.N. representative last week said in no uncertain terms that if Iran were to search a vessel in the Gulf, definitely it would continue with that whether it carries an American flag or any other flag. Further, he warned that the Americans should be more preoccupied with protecting themselves than protecting others. This is a very serious challenge for the U.S. to ponder before it embarks on any premeditated adventure. Muscle-flexing may not help in dissipating the Iranian resolve to resist what they consider to be

The U.S. has all through maintained a negative approach in the Gulf war, indicating a preference to see neither side emerge as a winner or a loser. This appeared firstly to have acted as a causal factor, allowing the Iranian regime to insist on certain quixotic ds as conditions for agreeing to a negotiated settlement; and secondly, it helped prolong the war, providing ample opportunities for the arms industries in the U.S. to make immense profits by way of selling arms to Iran. The current flurry and potential U.S. military involvement in the Gulf, to protect international shipping, is a corrollary to that negative approach to the Gulf war. It seems simply an improvisation on behalf of the oil barons of the West who are losi huge profits as a result of the tanker war rather than an exercise military improvisations are strategically weak and would only help in adding fuel to the fire. But again when has the world ever seen the U.S. really engaged in extinguishing a battle-fire, started by intent or accident in the developing world?

### **ARABIC PRESS EDITORIALS**

### Al Ra'i: American commitment

WHILE the Israeli soldiers are busily killing Arab people in the occupied Arab regions and the Israeli authorities continuing repressive measures against the innocent civilians under their rule, U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz was holding a banquet in Moscow and telling the Soviet Jews to do all they can to emigrate to Israel. Shultz said that the United States was not forgetting them and that they will be helped to fulfil their dreams in emigrating to Israel. Thus the U.S. secretary of state put the Palestinian people behind his back and is now concerned about the emigration of Soviet Jews to the occupied Palestine to take the place of the indigenous Arab population. Shultz claims he is concerned about the rights of the Jews in the Soviet Union and he is doing all he can to deprive the Palestinians from their basic rights and helping Jews to take their place, their homes and land. Shultz promised the Soviet Jews prayers for their salvation and for God to enable them to evict the Palestinian people from their land and take their home from them. We never heard about any one praying that the murderer be helped to kill or commit crimes and steal. Shultz does not pray for the Palestinian people to regain rights in their homeland nor does he shows any concern about Israeli atrocities against the people of the occupied Arab land and about the destruction the Zionists are causing and the crimes they are committing.

### Al Dustour: EC takes another step

BELGIAN Foreign Minister Leo Tindemans has started a visit to Jordan and we consider such visit as a constructive step in the right direction. He represents the European Economic Community in talks with governments of the Middle East region and is carrying out a new effort to help re-establish peace. His visit comes in the wake of a declaration issued by the European Community in Brussels, endorsing the idea of an international peace conference to be held under the auspices of the United Nations. It also follows close on the heels of a tour made by King Hussein to European capitals and a visit to Washington by Prime Minister Zaid Rifai and Foreign Minister Taher Al Masri. The visits and the tours were all aimed at gathering momentum for convening an international peace conference and implementing U.N. resolutions. Tindemans' tour will no doubt enable him to have a close-hand study of the situation and urge him and the European Community to speed up action for holding the proposed conference.

### Sawt Al Shaab: Crying for help

FOR three successive days and nights the Israeli soldiers carried out atrocities against the Arab population in the occupied Arab West Bank. Their actions were of course in support of Zionist settlers who went on the rampage in Qalqilya to avenge themselves on the Arabs for the killing of a woman a day earlier. The present siege, imposed on Arab towns and villages and the continued acts of barbarism and repression being committed against the Arab population, have prompted the Arabs to enhance their resistance and struggle. But the suffering of the Arab people under Israeli rule prompts us to think out ways for extending assistance to them and also bolsters our determination to seek an international conference for the sake of rescuing our Arab kinsmen and ending the Israeli occupation. For three days and nights the Arab people in the occupied territories have been resisting enemy repression and atrocities and have been crying out for freedom. They have offered sacrifice and suffered numerous tragedies for the sake of maintaining their hold on their

# Deportation of Palestinians under subversion act is challenged

The following report by Nicholas C. McBride, under the same headline, appeared in the Christian Science Monitor of April 9.

WASHINGTON — The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) last week filed a lawsuit in the federal district court in Los Angeles challenging the use of a McCarthy-era law to deport seven Palestinians accused of being associated with a subversive organisa-

The lawsuit relates to the Jan. 26 arrest of seven Palestinians in Los Angeles by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), the Immigration and Naturalisation Service, (INS), and the Los Angeles police department. The Palestinians were accused of distributing literature of an organisation that "advocates world communism," in violation of the 1952 McCarran-Walter Act. On Feb. 17 immigration-law Judge Roy J. Daniels ordered them released from INS custody until their deportation hearing on April

In its suit, in which Arab-American and other civil liberties groups have joined, the ACLU asserts that the Palestinians are being persecuted for activities protected by the First Amendment.

ACLU attorney Hope Nakamura says supreme court rulings since the 1980s have distinguished between "advocacy of belief and advocacy of action." She says the act has rarely been used and the "current whipped-up frenzy against Arabs and Palestinians," aggravated by violence in the Middle East, has set the scene for constitutional violations in the name of national security.

Rep. Barney Frank (D) of Massachusetts in February introduced a bill that would, among other things, repeal the "ideological exclusions" provisions of the McCarran-Water Act, including those the Palestinians are accused of breaking. The bill would not affect the provisions that allow the U.S. to exclude terrorists. In briefs filed in court, the Justice Department charges the Palestinians with being involved in activities on behalf of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP), purportedly

a Marxist-Leninist organisation advocating violent overthrow of the United States and other governments.

"The PFLP operates both overt and convert missions in the United States to carry out its goals," the brief says. "The PFLP's purposes are accomplished through the use of illegal and violent means, bombings, shootings and hijackings. These purposes are also accomplished by the PFLP's publishing and distributing

literature promoting communism." The defendants deny being affiliated with the group. INS spokesman Duke Austin says, "we don't have to wait until somebody blows up a bus or a plane before we deport them. We're not suggesting they be put in jail — we're suggesting they go home." He says INS has evidence that the Palestinians' departure

would be in the "best interests of the U.S." FBI spokeswoman Susan Shnitzer says the bureau conducted an investigation of the defendants but found "no evidence of federal violations we had jurisdiction over."

As a result, she says, the FBI turned over information "we thought would be helpful to INS." She says the information will not be made public until the April 28 hearing.

ACLU attorneys say the proceedings against the Palestinians are an extension of a government contingency plan prepared in May

1986 and discussed at an interagency meeting in September. The plan reportedly calls for use of the McCarran-Walter Act to expel foreign nationals, explicitly says to "routinely hold any alien so charged without bond," and designates representatives from INS, FBI, the U.S. Customs Service., and the Central Intelligence

Agency, who are responsible for executing the plan. The plan also speaks of a "target group" of 10,000 aliens and specifically gives numbers of people from Algeria, Libya, Tunisia, Iran, Jordan, Syria, Morocco, and Lebanon who have overstayed visas.

"That never was endorsed, that was a talking paper, an option," says INS spokesman Austin of the plan. "We categorically deny any such plan to round up (Arab aliens). These are things suggested to talk about at irregular meetings of an ad hoc committee."

"Ethnic origin has never been an issue. These individuals will have their day in court," says Oliver (Buck) Revell, the FBI's executive assistant director for investigations. He asserts that the Justice Department, INS, and FBI have no interest "whatsoever in denying any individuals their constitutionally protected rights to engage in political dissent."

He adds, "we will, however, investigate when we have a basis to do so. And that, we have done, with the Jewish groups, Irish groups, Armenian groups, and we will do it with Arab and Palestinian groups where we have a basis to do so, but it will be done within the law."

Dan Stormer, the chief counsel defending the Palestinians, says, "It is not insignificant that on Jan. 24 more hostages were taken in the Middle East. Merely two days later my clients were arrested

and taken to jail. This is Arab-bashing, this is prejudice."

Paul Hoffman, another lawyer for the defendants, says "the Palestinian community in this country is in constant debate over what's going on in the Middle East. The (Palestine Liberation Organisation) and groups left of centre are ultimately involved in that debate. When you say you can't sympathise with that speech or get deported, that's a serious problem.'

Mr. Hoffman adds that the case has had a "chilling effect" on political debate within the Arab-American community.



Young refugees: AOHR sees no just solution for their plight until the Arab World respects its citizens rights

# Arabs who look after their own

**By Nadia Hijab** 

"WE are not with or against any afford dissent; that they are too the Arab citizen," says a member of the executive of the Arab Organisation for Human Rights (AOHR). "Our work is different to that of Amnesty International in that they deal with certain political and civil rights. We try to defend all human rights -- civil, economic, religious, social and cultural." The AOHR also watches freedom of expression, movement and association, trades union laws, and women's

The AOHR is really a delayed reaction to the Israeli invasion of Lebanon in 1982. Then, although there was an international outcry, Arab reaction was muted. Some thinkers have tried to come to terms with the lessons of 1982. Why had the Arab people not responded to the brutal 80-day siege of Beirut as they would have, say, in Nasser's day? Had they been crushed beyond humanity?

The establishment of such an, organisation indicates a new maturity in the Arab world. Hitherto, Arab governments have staved off demands for democracy on the grounds that the people are not yet "ready" for it; that they are too busy liberating Palestine and cannot

health, infrastructure; and so on. Intellectuals often acquiesced in these arguments. They agreed that Arabs should not "wash their dirty linen in public," particularly as they were under attack on all sides - from Israel and its supporters, and in the cartoon strips of Western media. Now, while they continue to respond to Israeli aggression and to Western stereotyping, it is significant that some intellectuals have decided to use the public washing of dirty

linen as one of their weapons. There is growing conviction that the Arabs will never have the power to bring about a just solution of the Palestinian question, or achieve any self-reliant economic and political development until human rights are respected. Thus the AOHR will mainly focus on human rights in the Arab world, although the situation of the Palestinians under occupation forms part of its brief.

The intensity of human rights violations varies. In its recent three-year report on human rights in the Arab world, the AOHR highlights violations in each state, listing all the means that have been used to break the spirit of the Arab citizen.

AOHR do not aim to over throw existing regimes: many coups have taken place in the Arab world and new regimes have simply been equally repressive. The aim is rather to make it impossible for governments to ignore the demands by Arab citizens for their rights, which will gradually lead to change in the system.

In the Gulf states, for example, the most common violations include the banning of political and cultural association. In Syria and Iraq, the organisation highlights detentions without trial, and severe measures against political opponents. In Jordan, it pinpoints the absence of academic freedom.

In the Democratic Republic of Yemen, it mentions political executions after the January 1986 power struggle; in the Republic of Yemen, the deteriorating conditions in jails. In Egypt and Sudan, it notes the considerable number of "exceptional" and emergency laws. In North Africa, it highlights inter alia the situa-

So far, over 155 cases of human rights violations from 19 Arab the organisation's attention. Be-

tion of the trades unions.

Egyptian, mainly opposition, press), there has been no dramatic increase in the number of

In each case, the AOHR has contacted the governments concerned. It has had replies from seven governments, though some deny any problem exists. There were a few successes. The

Egyptian government responded to a request to study jail conditions; Jordan freed a detainee; Libya allowed a visit to a detainee; and Sudan met with a delegation to discuss emergency legislation.

The AOHR was particularly active in Sudan before the col-

lapse of the Numeiri regime, where it sought to stop the in-humane application of emergency laws. Its stand on human rights in those days earned it the gratitude of the present government, which meant that the organisation was, after all, able to hold its first general assembly in an Arab

This assembly had been scheduled for Cairo in November 1986 - indeed, some of the countries have been brought to members in the U.S. and Europe had already arrived to attend it. cause there is so little coverage of Although the organisation bas

The human rights advocates of its activities in the Arab world had permission to set up its head- apply again. three years, the Egyptian government would not allow the meeting.

The AOHR believes that its

rights report was leaked to Arab governments which in turn put pressure on Cairo to ban the meeting. A case has now been filed by the AOHR against the Egyptian government. Sudan agreed to host the meeting in January 1987. All the Arab ambassadors were invited to attend but not one came. This pleased the organisers because. they said, "it means we have

equally. So far, the AOHR has branches in only two Arab countries

— Egypt and Sudan. A third is being established in Morocco. There are affiliated groups in Jordan and Tunisia. Branches have also been set up in France, Austria and Britain. There is an associated group in Switzerland. A similar organisation has been established and registered in the U.S., and is closely linked to the AOHR. Last month, the organisation petitioned the U.N. for consultative status and was re-

offended all Arab governments

The AOHR publishes its own journal in Arabic, now in its twentieth in Arabic, now in its twentieth issue, as well as newsletters (in Arabic and English), and urgent releases when necessary. New offices have been set up in Geneva (address: POB 82,1211 Geneva 28). Thus there will always be somewhere to go if all Arab doors are closed. Funding comes from membership subscriptions and individual con-. tributions; because of the recession in the region, the group only managed to raise \$25,000 last

The AOHR is aware that there is still a long way to go. Arab governments do not yet treat it with the respect they reluctantly give international groups, be-cause, AOHR says, "they totally disregard Arab public opinion." There is also an uphill struggle in the West. One report notes the rise in anti-Arab feeling in Europe. It comments, with some bitterness, that European authorities might not be so indifferent to the rights of Arab migrants, "had it not been for the mounting violation of basic human rights and fundamental freedoms in the Arab world itself" - The Guar-

# PLO factions seek compromise formula over Egypt

(Continued from page 1) which have been playing a fun-damental role in efforts to bridge the gap between the PFLP and Fateh, were seeking an interfactional agreement regarding the limit of the PLO's relations with all Arab countries. This agreement, the sources said, will not be publicised.

Meanwhile, Fateh was still adhering to its position against equating "hostility and opposi-tion to Camp David and closing all doors with Cairo," according to sources close to Fateh. The sources said the movement was against severing of relations with any Arab government, "regardless of whether it was fighting the Palestinians and the PLO."

The sources said that Fateh had asked the PFLP and other factions to find a formula which could also define, clearly and candidly, the PLO's position on Syria. At the same time, the sources said, Fateh was also firmly against any resolution that would close the doors against

was strongly advocating severing contacts with Cairo since "experiences of the last few years indicated that contacts could lead to an "endorsement of the Camp David policies."

Mr. Mustafa, however, criticised his own faction on two major points: First, that it used to believe that Palestinian unity was dependent on a strong strategic alliance with Syria. "Now the PFLP believes that the Palestinian unity is the key to an alliance with Syria," he was quoted as saving.

Second, he criticised his group's previous precondition that it would attend a Palestinian dialogue only if all other factions attended. "That was a wrong assessment," he was quoted as saying. "The dialogue is in itself necessary to bridge the gaps and promote understanding in order to formulate a solid basis for national Palestinian unity," he

He also said that both Fateh and his group and other factions During his presentation, Mr. were wrong in going too far in

Mustafa explained that the PFLP attacking and launching scathing campaigns against each other. He was clearly referring to his group's labelling of PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat as a traitor and Fatch's charges that anti-Arafat factions were lackeys and tools of Arab governments.

In conclusion, Mr. Mustafa called on all factions to sign "a pledge of honour" so that no future political difference would lead to armed conflicts or estrangements. Algeria has also been very ac-

tive in trying to ensure the success of the Palestinian dialogue. On Wednesday, senior Algerian officials met separately with deputy commander of PLO forces Khalil Al Wazir and with PFLP leader George Habash in a bid to narrow the Fatch-PFLP differences. During Wednesday's meetings, Fateh Central Committee Member Salah Khalaf replied to Mr. Mustafa's address. Mr. Khalaf also reviewed the line pursued by Fatch since 1982. He was said to have conceded that Fateh's

# time." But Mr. Khalaf, who him-

self was critical within Fateh of Mr. Arafat's policy line throughout the last three years, tried to explain the circumstances and conditions that prompted Fatch to move along the lines it did since 1982.

But he strongly agreed with Mr. Mustafa on the need for a "pledge of honour" among all factions and also criticised Fatch and the PFLP for the scathing and insulting campaigns which they have been waging against each other.

Meanwhile, reports from Damascus said Syrian President Hafez Al Assad met with Algerian Foreign Minister Ahmad Taleb Ibrahimi who delivered to him a message from Algerian President Chadli Benjedid. According to informed Algerian sources here, the message contained an Algerian and Palestinian reiteration that the ongoing dialogue and proposed PNC seshave conceded that Fateh's sion were "by no means a chal-assessment of political moves and steps "have not been right all the Arab party or side."

#### Tindemans begins talks Following a Feb. 23 EC dec-

(Continued from page 1) Rifai who earlier returned from

fused. However, it intends to

Mr. Tindemans was expected to brief Jordanian officials on his efforts within the EC, and com-

pare notes on efforts by His Majesty King Hussein --- currently in London --- vis-a-vis the convening of the conference. In Brussels, Belgian government sources quoted by Reuter on Tuesday said Mr. Tindemans' talks in Jordan, Egypt and Sandi Arabia would focus on the obsta-

cles to convening a conference as well as details of how it might be organised, its terms of reference and who would take part.

laration supporting the confer-ence, Mr. Tindemans was quoted as saying he would visit the region "only if he received assurances of serious willingness to negotiate."
The U.S. and Israel oppose any role by the Soviet Union or the PLO in the conference, which they say, should only be a cur-

tain-raiser for holding direct Jordanian officials say that the proposed conference should be substantive, with the participation of the five permanent members of the United Nations Security Council which include the

### Britain, China and France. Palestinians continue protests

Bank.

(Continued from page 1)

editorial said the detention policy "is driving the situation further and further away from the possibility of peace... we demand the right to freedom of expression.

Israel Radio quoted Israeli Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin as saying the army had arrested more than 100 Arabs since an

Israeli woman was burned to death in a firebomb attack on Saturday in the occupied West

United States, the Soviet Union,

After the woman's killing, settlers set fire to Arab cars and destroyed Arab property.

During a meeting on Tuesday with settlers, Mr. Rabin said the army had deployed more troops to quell anti-Israeli protests.

Do you realise what time it is?

DO you have a friend living in Austria, a son studying in London, a daughter in Paris, a boy-friend in Spain, or a relative in Germany?

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also keep your friends and relatives abroad awake with your late

But if your interlocutor lives in the U.S. or in Japan, he or she is

lucky. From now on you will be the one to have disturbed nights

for a change, and he or she will be getting your calls at hours that

suit him or her perfectly — that is with the time difference.

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Far-East, you are sleeping less.
You must have guessed. I am talking about the reduced

telephone rates offered by the Telecommunications Corporation

(TCC) for international calls. These rates have been reduced by up

to 50 per cent and apply after midnight. The offer is, of course,

tempting for many subscribers, and people are staying up late in

order to take advantage of the offer. But does it have to be so late?

encouraging Ammanites to use the telephone more, because in the past they often had their children or friends call them from abroad

So the decision of the TCC is basically a good one: We called for

it in the past and we appland it now. However, it still needs some

modification. Firstly, we should be able to have special rates on

weekends and holidays, as in many other countries. Maybe the hesitation of the TCC lies in the fact that our weekends are

working days in many countries abroad and in that case companies

would be the first to benefit from such an arrangement. But for

sure a proper formula could be devised. Secondly why should the

night rates start at midnight and not at 8 p.m. or even 10 p.m. which is a fair time as companies are closed at this hour and

where the fees are much more reasonable.

presumably most calls would be private ones.

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Meat-eating

The idea of reduced rates on international calls is aimed at

Randa Habib's

# Exhibition combines quality of scholarship, puzzles of ancient history

In the Byzantine period, the

200 x 220 metre site of Khirbet

es-Samra had at least 8 churches,

with some high quality floor mosaics shown in photographs,

drawings and plans. These

mosaics are all covered on the site

now, so this is a chance to see

them for those interested in this

ancient art form. The churches

were used well into the Umayyad

era, providing more evidence of

the religious tolerance that existed in the first century of the

Islamic era.
One of the intriguing aspects of

the site derives from the large cem-

etery, from which over 500 stone

funerary steles have been reco-

vered; 87 of them are inscribed,

with 39 in Greek and 48 in a rare

ancient language known as Syro-Palestinian. Resembling Kufic,

the language is very rare in this part of the Near East, and one of

the mysteries of the site relates to

the origins and status of the peo-

ple who used this language, for

none of the churches have in-

scriptions in this language. The

funerary steles are mostly in-

scribed with crosses, indicating

that these people were Christian.

The names on their tombstones are a combination of biblical,

Arab, Nabataean, Palmyran,

architectural pieces from Byzan-

tine churches at Samra, nicely

carved marble fragments of chan-

cel screens, columns and capitals.

Also from the Byzantine and

Umayvad periods are some com-

plete pottery vessels recovered

basalt basins used to prepare

the churches, and black

Also on exhibit are some

Greek and Latin.

By Rami G. Khouri Special to the Jordan Times

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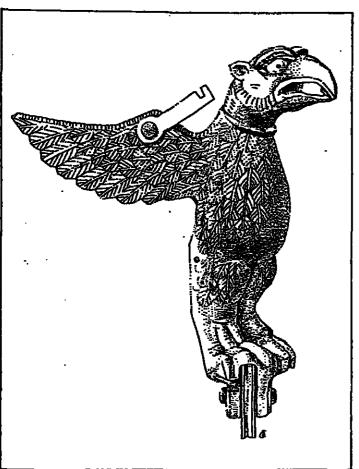
AMMAN — The thrill of archaeological discovery, the quality of French scholarship and the puzzles of ancient history have all come together in a small but very high quality exhibition of Biblique. artifacts, drawings and photographs from two important antiquities sites being excavated in Jordan by a joint French-Jodaman team

The exhibit, at the French Cultural Centre in Jabal Luweibdeh until April 23, provides an excellent synthesis of the various aspects of archaeological and historical research and discovery, as

these can be shown by the work called Hatita on the Peutinger taking place at the two sites Table, a Roman road map of the of Khirbet es-Samra and Fedein. Both sites are being excavated by a team from the Ecole Biblique in Jerusalem and the Jordanian Department of Antiquities, under the field direction of Father Jean-Baptiste Humbert of the Ecole

Khirbet es-Samra, 15 kilometres north-east of Zerqa, was an important stop along the ancient Nabataean-Roman route that linked Petra in south Jordan with Bostra in south Syria. It has been excavated since 1978, and has produced much material from the Roman, Byzantine and Umayyad eras.

It is thought to be the site



Drawing of bronze decorative elements on the Umayyad era brazier

The second site depicted in the exhibition is Pedein, located in the ancient world, and photos show middle of the modern town of Mafraq, which was only excathe well preserved Roman road that passed 500 metres east of the vated last year, though the site site. There are large drawings of was identified earlier this censeveral inscriptions found on tury. Fedein comprises three dismilestones that marked the distinct but adjacent ruins from the Iron Age (around the 8th Century B.C.), the Umayyad era, and foundations of a castle that is tance along the Roman road, dating from around 110 A.D. to 300 A.D. The Roman period fortress is clearly shown in photos either Medieval Arab or and plans, alongside two Roman Ottoman. era pagan altars, one of which The excavations uncovered a was reused in a Byzantine church.

corner of a massive structure that was part of the Iron Age fortified site, measuring 70 x 50 metres. The investigation of this site was suspended when the archaeologists came upon a room from the Umayyad period, with a very rich collection of fine Umayyad bronze pieces; these included a brazier decorated with mythical Roman era figures and scenes, an incense burner, and two small ram and elephant moulds thought to have been used to prepare bread or cakes.

This is the first time these pieces have been displayed in Jordan, and are well worth seeing for an appreciation of the technological and artistic talent of the Umayyad inhabitants of this area. Other Umayyad period items on display are carved ivory boxes and palettes, glass objects, decorative stucco pieces, steatite cooking pots and lamp fragments. and assorted pottery pieces.

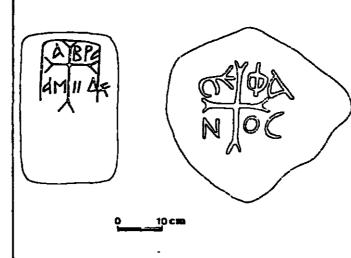
The site, known from literary references, is thought to have been the home of a wealthy local prince or governor, given the high quality of the objects found there. It was destroyed and abandoned sometime at the end of the Umayyad period, around the middle of the 8th Century A.D.

Before that, it was used during the Byzantine period, as evidenced by the remains of a small church or chapel, with mosaic floor and marble columns.

One of the sadder aspects of the dig is what it shows us about the vulnerability of Jordan's antiquities, for the Medieval Arab or Ottoman fort whose foundations are visible on the site was only destroyed in recent decades. The exhibit includes a photograph of



The excavated main entrance of the Roman fortress at Khirbet es-Samra (above), and (below) funerary steles inscribed in Greek.



the standing square fort taken in 1924, looking very much like the Ottoman forts at Qatraneh and Hasa. The photo also shows part of a massive water cistern, which has also been destroyed by bulldozer activity in recent years. Excavations at both sites will

continue in coming years, but for those who may not wish to trek out into the fringes of the basalt desert of north-eastern Jordan this is an excellent opportunity to see some of the finest archaeological objects that have been disc-

Claws on show at .ondon museum By Sandra Maler "It was embedded in a piece of LONDON — Claws is out to grab

London. Remains of the huge, 124-milion-year-old newly discovered

preed of dinosaur went on public display at London's Museum of Natural History this month. The discovery of the prehistor-

been hailed as one of the most

"heavy claw" and walker is for

opened, "It's a massive creature and the one thing that popped out of the ground was the claw. That was marvelious. If a bone had

what is now the southern county of Surrey and was preserved because it died at the bottom of a

> "I didn't have a son so this will carry on the family name," said Walker, 59, beaming. "The wife and I hadn't really planned on this addition at our age but we'll

Walker, who became in-

rock and I hit it with a hammer twice and it fell apart. I glued it back together and it stayed on my shelves for three weeks," he said adding jokingly: "I'm surprised the museum is allowing me near it

After the discovery of the 31inch claw, excited museum experts excavated the dinosaur remains at the clay-pit site.

Most of the bones were preserved in nodules of hard siltsone, surrounded by wealed clay, which is used to make bricks.

Scientists estimate it will take several more years of work to prenare all the bones to piece the dinosaur skeleton together.

They said moulding and casting of the bones was already under way to provide other museums with replicas.

differed so much from other dinosaurs — in possessing at least one disproportionately large clawbone - it was designated as the representative of a new species genus and family.

It had a narrow skull with a low

with a horny sheath, experts said.

# Three very different exhibitions display their own spirit

By Meg Abu Hamdan Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Three exhibitions of very different kinds of art opened in Amman this week. Including the floral designs of Carol Garur Al Younsi, the ceramics of Jim Mason and the watercolours of Hugo De Reede, they not only involve the use of very different medias but are also totally different in message and spirit.

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Entitled "Clay Hearts and Clay Birds," Jim Mason's exhibition at the British Council combines traditional, functional forms with sculptural pieces based on the components of the former. Works like the "Guardian Series" and Heartbeat" are almost like collages or constructions of what seem to be basic shapes — the rim of a plate, the base of a goblet, a handle, the centre of a vase — which have been put together to form strange off-beat pieces. Mason calls them his "icons," made directly from his response to the minaret with its "symbolic surge upwards, imploring some penetration of space." He sees these pieces as celebratory" and as models for bigger versions in other materials.

### **Glazes**

Unifying these pieces with goblets, bowls and other functional ceramics in the collection are their glazes. Using locally available materials such as basalt, dolomite, limestone and olive wood ash, Mason produces muted organic colours that lends his work a feeling of antiquity. Aged and weathered, many of his bowls look like they have been lifted straight out of the museum, while on the "icons" these glazes create an interesting paradox of old with new.

Recurring throughout Mason's work are the same motifs — those derived from local rug designs, serious in their simplicity and the more frivolous tiny birds which appear in the unlikeliest places, cheeky, fun and vital. It is through the birds — for which Mason provides water — and through the titles for some of the pieces - for example "Another utterly useless teapot" — that Mason's irrepressible sense of humour bubbles up adding touch of magic that brings the whole show to life.

### Intricate, floral designs

Down the road at the Alia Art Gallery is the work of the young, locally born artist Carol Gargour Al Younsi, Now living in Spain, Mrs. Al Younsi produces well-

executed and intricate floral debold: confident lines of blackchina ink, the bud and leaf motifs rise inexorably upwards, like growth itself. Bending and swaying as if touched by a spring breeze, the leaves and the shapes between them carry different terns and designs, denoting texture and movement. Interlaced with gold and silver, or with slim lines of bright colours, these predominantly black and white pieces are strikingly bold. In contrast are softer paintings worked in gentler colours --- deep pinks and turquoises — and instead of the thrusting buds, they often portray the shedding of petals as growth passes into decay, spring to autumn. Although principally decorative, Mrs. Al Younsi's work is also thoughtful and appealing.

### Art and archaeology

At the Petra Bank Art Gallery is another appealing exhibition, but appealing in a very different way. Hugo De Reede is a Dutchborn professional artist who has been working in Jordan on the excavation of the late Bronze Age site of Deir Alla. Drawn to Jordan by a deep interest in archaeology, De Reede's task has been to draw all the artifacts as they have been discovered by the two teams — one from Lieden University the other from Yarmouk working on the dig. In between times De Reede found time to travel around the country making watercolours of all the major sites including Petra, Jerash. Qala'at Al Rabad, Beidah and Wadi Rum. His careful, very realistic renditions have a charm of their own especially as De Reede generally depicts the ruins and the artifacts as being in slightly better condition than they are, rather as if he is willing them to be as they were in their heyday.

Like De Reede, we have all wondered, as we have stood before those staggeringly beautiful monuments just what these places must have been like when they were first built. This particularly true in Petra and as we have wandered past the seemingly endless number of carefully carved rock fecades we have all at one time or another longed to know just how the city must have looked when it was alive with the bustling activity of the people who lived there two millenia ago.

### Vision of Petra

De Reede however has taken his ideas one step further than most of us and has drawn his vision

of Petra. So there we see the siq signs.in, a variety of media. In fully paved, down which comes a caravan bearing the new bride for the young Nabatean king who stands before the altar - still to be seen today — to the god Dushara and his wife Allat. And there is the last of the Nabatean Kappel II being buried in his final resting place - the place we know as the Khazneh, the Treasury. Romantic and full of clever and witty touches these entertaining paintings would be perfect for a book on the subject and although these two paintings were not made for that purpose, many of the others on exhibition are for a book De Reede is writing with Professor Henk Franken which will form an introduction to archaeology for younger readers.

> The desire to draw things in their pristine condition runs throughout De Reede's work in his watercolours of Turkey and in his depictions of Assyrian relief

> - and it is this that gives De Reede's work its deeply satisfying

> All three exhibitions run until

# Ancient Mesopotamian culture unearthed in Iraq

By Subby Haddad

BAGHDAD - Not far from the Gulf war's southern front, French archaeologists are excavating what they say is the oldest site ever found in the long history of Mesopotamian discoveries.

The head of the French team, Dr. Jean Daniel Forest of the Sorbonne, says the new discovery is more than 8,000 years old, some 1,500 years older than previously known sites.

He told Reuters the dig represented evidence of a completely new Mesopotamian culture, to which the French have given the name Oueili after the nearest contemporary village.

Other archaeologists are taking. a more cautious view.

"It is too early at this stage to speak of Oueili as the earliest culture in Mesopotamia," Dr. Warick Ball, head of a British archaeological expedition to Iraq, told Reuters.

Dr. Behnam Abu Al Souf, regarded as Iraq's authority on ancient Mesopotamia, agrees. "The time is not ripe yet to say it is the earliest in Mesopotamia, he said.

But Professor Jean Hout of the

culture are new to Mesopotamia and earlier archaeological layers have yet to be uncovered.

Oueili is about 200 km northwest of Iraq's strategic port city of Basra outside which Iraqi and Iranian forces are locked in combat.

"When news of the new find proliferates in academic circles, a new entry will have to be added to the Mesopotamian chronological table," said Forest, who has directed excavation teams at several sites in Iraq.

"What our expedition found during this and previous forays since 1980 is unlike anything else uncovered in the course of 100 years of continuous digs in Mesopotamia," he added.

Forest said the find included a building made of bricks con-structed of fine clay mixed with straw and a dwelling house with several granaries. He said Oueili pottery compris-

ed bowls, dishes, cups, jars, anthropomorphic and animal figurines, beads, hoes, sickles, spinning devices and stamp-seal amulets.

Samples from the find were Forest.

Sorbonne, who is analysing the finds, said some aspects of Queili Monaco for radiocarbon dating Monaco for radiocarbon dating and were put at some 8,000 years old. Forest said that previous to Oueili, the earliest culture known in southern Iraq was 6,500 years

It is usually associated with Eridu, present-day Abu Shahrein 170 km northwest of Basra.

The archaeologist said Oueili was inhabited long before Eridu and earlier than the Halaf period in the north which flourished in the fifth millennium B.C.

Full excavation of the Oueili site presents a number of problems and as a result the site may never be completely unearthed. Firstly, the find is covered with 3-6 metres of earth. Secondly, and more seriously, parts of it are under subterranean water. "We are still far from having a

thorough picture of life, origin economic activity and religion of the Oueili people," Forest said. Another Sorbonne team is set to begin excavating the 10-hec-

tare mound covering the site.
"This time we will dig through the core of the mound down to the lowest levels and uncover as large an area as possible," said

c animal's fossilised bones has

exciting dinosaur finds this cen-The dinosaur has become popularly known as Claws, but its scientific name is baryonyx walkeri. Baryonyx is Greek for

William Walker, a fossil-collecting plumber who in May 1983 discovered the first piece of the dinosaur — an enormous claw south of London. "The whole thing is so lucky, it's unbelievable," Walker told journalists when the exhibition

popped out, they wouldn't have batted an eyelid." Claws, who lived in swamps in

lake, is the only reasonably com-plete skeleton of a large flesheating dinosaur found in Britain this century.

accept it."

terested in fossils 14 years ago when his younger daughter Rita took up geology at school, said he knew he had found a piece of dinosaur but did not realise the importance of his find until three weeks later when his son-in-law decided to show the fossil to the do," they added.

But they already know what Claws looked like. Because it

The family is baryonychidae, the genus baryonyx and the typespecies walkeri.

Dr. Alan Charig, the museum's director in charge of prehistoric animals, says the beast was about nine or 10 metres long, three or four metres (12 or 16 feet) tall when standing on its hind legs

and weighed around two tonnes. snout, a long neck and large powerful arms. The claw-bone found by Walker was probably the thumb of the dinosaur's hand and would have been covered

"Its front legs were relatively longer and more robust than those of other theropods (types of dinosaur) so it might have been able to walk on all fours too which no other theropod could

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# Kenya's Safari starts today | Mecir advances to third round of Japan Open

NAIROBI (R) — Kenya's Safari rally, a four-day endurance test over 4,000-kilometres of rugged African terrain, starts from Nairobi Thursday with 58 production cars and nine works teams vying for the trophy.

since 1953, takes the competitors around Mount Kenya, Africa's second highest mountain, north across the rocky valleys of Samburu district, west to the humid shores of Lake Victoria and southeast across the Savannah plains which slope down to the Indian Ocean.

Heavy rains over Kenya in the past 10 days have turned much of the course into a mud bath, making this year's event one of the most taxing for years.

Drivers face possible flash floods in the usually arid northern districts and the organising committee may have to hold up the race on some sections while the cars wait at fords for the rivers to

New FISA (International Automobile Sports Federation) rules applied this year have eli-

The rally, an annual event minated the highly specialised group B cars from the contest and divided the course for the first time into competitive and noncompetitive sections.

Some rally old-timers complain that introducing the competitive sections, which account for only 1,540 kilometres of the total route, has put a premium on sheer speed at the expense of stamina, ingenuity and local

Drivers from the Nordic countries, led by three-time Safari rally winner Bjorn Waldegard of Sweden in a Toyota Supra, dominate the top seedings and local bookmakers rate the 44year-old Swede a 5-1 favourite.

Waldegard told reporters Tuesday he expected even fewer finishers this year than last, when only 16 out of 69 completed the course, because little was known

would stand up to the rigours of the route.

Local driver Shekhar Mehta. the most successful Safari rally competitor ever with five victories between 1973 and 1982, ranks second equal in the ratings alongside Hannu Mikkola of Finland, who in 1972 became the first foreigner to win the event and who this year competes in an Audi 200 Quattro.

Finn Raul Aaltonen, one of the oldest top competitors at 49, returns after a year's absence for his 23rd attempt at the Safari rally title, this time at the wheel of a new and untested Opel Kadett

The organisers have also laid on an African rally championship along the first half of the same route, mainly for local cars excluded from the Safari rally by the new FISA rules.

Rally Chairman Nicholas Nganga told reporters this was because local drivers had traditionally been the backbone of the event and its strongest suppor-

# five players hit solo home runs.

NEW YORK (AP) - Bo Jackson, the 1985 Heisman trophy winner as college football's outstanding player, now is making his mark on professional baseball. He had a three-run homer and a grand slam Tuesday night in a row. as the Kansas City Royals beat the Detroit Tigers 10-1.

The former Auburn running back took over the American League (A.L.) lead with 13 runs batted in and improved his batting average to .500 with his second four-hit performance in a

Right-hander Mark Gubicza, 1-1, who had lost all seven of his April decisions, threw a fivehitter to end Detroit's four-game winning streak.

In other A.L. games Tuesday night, Boston beat Texas 4-1, New York defeated Cleveland 10-6, Milwaukee remained unde-feated with a 7-4 decision over Baltimore, Toronto edged Chicago 4-3 in 13 innings, Minnesota beat Oakland 9-8, and Seattle downed California 6-4.

Jackson's hot bat leads Kansas City Red Sox 4, Rangers 1

> Al Nipper scattered nine hits over eight innings as Don Baylor's three-run first-inning homer stood up for the Red Sox as the Rangers dropped their fifth

Nipper, 1-0, lost his bid for his first career shutout on Pete Incaviglia's homer with one out in the eighth. Ec Correa, 0-1, took

Yankees 10, Indians 6

Joel Skinner's grand slam off Steve Carlton broke a 3-3 tie in the fifth inning and the Yankees held on as Cleveland lost its fifth straight.

Cecilio Guante, who relieved Bob Tewksbury in the fourth inning, won his first decision, allowing one run in 3 1-3 innings.

The Brewers continued their

Brewers 7, Orioles 4

Mark Ciardi allowed five hits and three runs while walking four and striking out two in five in-nings for his first major league victory. Baltimore starter Ken Dixon, 1-1, was tagged with the

Blue Jays 4, White Sox 3 Rick Leach's single through the

infield in the 13th inning gave the Blue Jays the come-from-behind Leach followed walks to Willie

Upshaw and Ernie Whitt with a

single off the glove of reliever Joel McKeon, 0-1. Mark Eichhorn, the fourth Toronto pitcher, threw one perfect inning for his first decision of

Twins 9, Athletics 8

Minnesota failed to hit a home run in a game for the first time this season but the Twins managed 13 hits and held on after taking a 7-0 lead.

Maradona was out on his own

in the list of the most-gifted play-

ers with 58.2 per cent, ahead of

Platini again, who earned eight

Maradona, who cost Napoli \$7.5

million nearly three years ago,

was greedy and too fond of

But 58.7 per cent also

per cent of the poll.

### Maradona voted nicest and nastiest

ROME (R) — Diego Maradona has been voted both the nicest and the most unpleasant player in Italy by Italian soccer fans, according to a poll published

Argentina and Napoli captain was voted the most unpleasant player by 27 per cent of the fans questioned for the poll in the daily Corriere Dello Sport.

French international midfielder Michel Platini was left some way behind with only 10.8 per cent.

winning ways improving to 8-0 as

Opinion was more closely divided, however, when the fans were asked to vote for the nicest players — Maradona taking 20.4 per cent of the vote compared to

Platini's 20.3 per cent. Italian international captain Antonio Cabrini, Platini's teammate at Juventus, was third with a 13.1 per cent share of the 1,011

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# TOKYO (AP) — Miloslay Mecir and then broke Fukui for the set. of Czechoslovakia trounced Mecir, the no. 3 seed, raced

Newcastle beats Arsenal

LONDON (AP) — Paul God- Manchester United team battled

of Czechoslovakia trounced Open tennis championships.

Mecir and Fukui, exchanging the newly built Ariake coliseum powerful ground strokes, each in downtown Tokyo. scored three service breaks and the first set. At 5-5, Mecir won cent, and each double faulted his serve without losing a point once.

dard increased Newcastle's hopes

for soccer survival in the English

League First Division on Tuesday

night with his sixth goal in six

games. The goal gave his visiting

Nine days after winning the

Littlewoods Cup, Arsenal were watched by their lowest league

crowd of the season at just over

17.000 and turned in a perform-

ance to match the terrace apathy. Goddard's goal came after . 29

minutes, helped by the sort of

defensive lapses which have seen

Arsenal struggle since their

Wembley triumph.
At Watford, David Bardsley

clided in a right-wing cross to give

the home team an early lead in its 3-1 triumph over Chelsea. More

oals by Gary Porter and Luther

Ten minutes into the second

half, Keith Jones' 20-yard shot

left Steve Sherwood helpless in

the Watford net to give Chelsea a

consolation goal.

At West Hanfn England cap-

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) -

Swiss grandmaster Victor Kor-

chnoi seized the lead in the round

of the Brussels "super tourna-

ment" Tuesday when his rivals,

world champion Garri Kasparov

and second ranked Anatoly Kar-

In the hardest fought round so

far, Korchnoi, a 56-year-old

Soviet defector, moved on to 31/2

points after a 68-move draw with

Filipino grandmaster Eugenio

Kasparov and Karpov battled

in a grueling six-hour session

against tenacious defence by their

respective opponents, English grandmaster Nigel Short and Jon-ny Van Der Wiel of Holland.

In the final hour of play, ex-

perts said Kasparov made a cru-

the game had been adjourned,

bounced into the media room.

tory over 17-year-old fellow

Pakistani Jansher Khan. World

junior champion Jansher seemed overawed by the occasion and

"I think my position is win-

grandmasters had problems pre- Saturday.

Jahangir wins sixth title

pov, adjourned their games.

tain Brian Robson suffered yet low cross for Brian Rice to another injury setback as his the ball in for the winner.

Korchnoi moves into lead

Blissett ensured victory.

team a 1-0 win over Arsenal in

Japan's Tsuyoshi Fukui 7-5, 6-1 through the second set, moving to Wednesday to advance to the the net more frequently and hitthird round of the \$605,000 Japan ting brilliant placements along the baseline on the hard court of

Mecir hit on 82.5 per cent of his then each held service twice in first serves against Fukui's 78 per

their way to a point in a goalless

Robson came off in the 60th

minute with an ankle injury

which appeared to have been

caused as early as the ninth mi-

nute, when he was brought down

shoulder and hamstring injuries

in the last year. Sheffield Wednesday at home

were plunged into relegation trouble after their third defeat in

a row as they lost 2-3 to Notting-

Nigel Clough opened the scor-

ing for Forest on a cross from

Dutchman Johnny Metgod. Shef-

field equalised after halftime

when Lee Chapman's shot on the

turn went through a crowd of

players to beat keeper Steve

second goal but Clough popped

up again in the 80th minute to

tuck away a shot from close in.

foxed the Sheffield defence with a

low cross for Brian Rice to tap

dicting some moves.

In the 90th minute Clough out-

Commenting on the adjourned

position, former world champion

Mikhail Tal of the Soviet Union

said the Karpov game would

In the other games, Danish grandmaster Bent Larsen moved

up to third place with a subtle

end-game victory over Dutch

grandmaster Jan Timman that

was awarded the prize for best

game of the day by an audience

He was joined at three points

Tal scored an easy victory

The event is one of the

by Yugoslav grandmaster Ljubo-

mir Ljubojevic, who defeated

against the other Belgian com-

first appearance of Kasparov.

as the three K's — in a tourna-

sher, seeded 11th for his Open

debut, lasted 55 minutes against

the top seed. Jahangir needs to win the event twice more to

match Australian Geoff Hunt's

record. World champion Sue De-

voy of New Zealand claimed her

fourth consecutive women's

crown. She overcame England

number three Lucy Soutter 2-9,

4-9, 9-4, 9-2, 9-1 in an 81-minute

battle, among the longest

women's final on record.

Belgium's Luc Winants.

petitor, Richard Meulders.

ment together.

cial breakthrough. Shortly after, strongest ever held and marks the

the cheerful world champion Karpov and Korchnoi - known

ning," Kasparov exclaimed. The 11-round event is sche-But Karpov faced stiffer resist-duled to finish April 24. The fifth

ance from Van Der Wiel in a round will be played Thursday

complicated game in which and the adjourned games on

LONDON (R) — Jahangir Khan after his initial nallenge had won the British Open squash been snuffed out in the opening

championship for the sixth successive time Tuesday night with a several classes above him. Jan-

'probably end in a draw.'

David Hirst added Sheffield's

Robson has been plagued by

draw with the home team.

by Alan Dickens.

ham Forest.

#### tournament in 1985, in the third round on Thursday. In other men's second-round

matches, India's Ramesh Krishnan, seeded no. 11, downed American Ben Testerman 6-3,

No. 1 seed Ivan Lendl of fan Edberg of Sweden and no. 5 meet Japan's top female player.

Mecir meets 13th-seed Amer-seed Jimmy Connors of the Unican Scott Davis, winner of this ited States did not play Wednesday.

John McEnroe, seeded no. 4, has withdrawn from the Japan Open because of injuries.

In the second round of women's singles competition, top-seeded Melissa Gurney of the United States beat compatriot Czechoslovakia, no. 2 seed Ste- Lea Antonopiis 6-1, 6-2 and will

als Thursday. Inoue beat compatriot Akiko Kijimuta 6-1, 6-2.

Second-seeded Katerina Maleeva of Bulgaria defeated Cammy Macgregor of the United States 7-5, 6-3 and third-seeded American Kathy Jordan beat Christiane Jolissaint of Sweden

are regular highlights. Interna-

tionals Bryan Robson and Peter

Shilton have dropped in, and

Bobby Robson has visited several

times in the last few weeks to help

Saunders says the scheme, the

only one of its kind as far as he

knows, has also attracted a great

deal of attention from abroad. He

has no doubt that it will continue

period, sponsored by American

automobile giant General

Motors, which expires next year.

Sexton and other top coaches put

the boys through their paces,

Saunders points out from time to

international potential.

time a youngster he thinks has

They'll all become profession-

Watching from the touchline as

eyond its initial four-year trial

with coaching of passing.

# English school trains future stars

By Mark Trevelyan

LILLESHALL, England -

of nurturing young players' ta-lents and producing skilled indi-

glish game.

saying he felt like a prisoner. But Robson and his coaches and staff have stuck to their guns

man has already tasted first team soccer with Brighton in the Second Division, and John Ebbrell has appeared as substitute for First Division Everton. Of the school's current crop, all

32 are on the books of professional clubs. They include Andrew Marriott and Roderick Thomas, who at 15 have already won places in the England under-17 team, and striker Andrew Cole, scorer of both goals in England schoolboys' recent 2-0 victory over West Germany. Five other Lilleshall boys were in the team that day. The staff and coaches are cau-

tious about making forecasts, but, their aim is clear. "Obviously we hope that as many as possible come through. The ideal would be that they come through to the full international team," Sexton told Reuters.

Clearly enjoying his latest challenge, Sexton, who also manages the national under-21 side, says he is impressed by the amount of progress the boys can make in

day and regular match conditions and international competition, they do well. The first year they usually struggle a bit because the teams they're playing are usually older than them and they can't cope physically. But the second year is strikingly different."

School principal Denis Saunders, a former amateur international, emphasises the importance of the boys' academic education at a nearby state school. To those who question Lilleshall's commitment to proper schooling, he points out that the boys do an hour's supervised homework each day alongside their 90 minutes on the soccer field.

Lilleshall takes 16 new boys each year, selected from a pool of around 600 hopefuls after a series of tough trials.

#### cause it's helping you all the They also undergo personality Visits from top English players and intelligence tests based,

according to Saunders, on the

assumption that "if you've got an

intelligent boy, the chances are

that he will probably be a better

footballer, or respond better to

former 19th century hunting

lodge set in magnificent 90-acre

grounds in the heart of rural

England — the boys have to

adapt to what he calls a "fairly

Bathrooms and bedrooms — three or four to a room is the

norm - are adequate but bare.

Getting-up time is seven in the morning, and lights out is 10.45 for the older boys and 10.30 for

Media attention and a highly

competitive atmosphere increase the pressure. "There's a lot of

pressure on you — schoolwork

Spartan" regime.

the juniors.

the discipline and training."

Once installed at the school

Three years after its controversial launch. England's national soccer school is thriving under former Manchester United manager Dave Sexton, and its first graduates are starting to make their mark with professional clubs. The so-called "School of Ex-

cellence" was the brainchild of England manager Bobby Robson, who promoted it as a means viduals who could enrich the En-

The school aroused fierce opposition when it opened in 1984, with critics comparing it to experiments with mice. Fears that young boys might react against the school's strict regime seemed to be confirmed when one pupil quit after just two weeks and was quoted in the tabloid press as

and can already point to some creditable results.

Lilleshall graduate Ian Chap-

two years at the school.
"With regular training every

#### ficult to tell who will be the star don't get to relax at all," says - well, I don't even know if Jason Hall, now in his second year. "But I don't regret it, be- there are going to be any stars."

and football — all the time. You al footballers," he says. "It's dif-

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FOR THE DOME OF THE ROCK -

this purpose. International contractors, who are specialised in this field of work, and would like to contribute to the tender, are requested to collect one copy of the tender documents from His Eminence Qadi Al-Qudah Department, during the period (16/5/1987 - 16/6/1987), for a non-refundable sum of JD 100/000.

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U.S. dollars

One ounce of gold 445.75/446.25

# KUWAIT (AP) — Oil Minister in future and diminished oil re-production coming down by Ali Khalifa Al Sabah has said venues in the long run," he said. 800,000 barrels a day.

Ali Khalifa Al Sabah has said Kuwait opposes any oil price hike beyond the present bench marker of \$18 a barrel.

Addressing an audience at Kuwait University Tuesday, Sheikh Ali also expressed dissatisfaction over the extent of adherence to output quotas decreed by the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC).

He said raising oil prices would be counter-productive in the long run as far as demand for oil was concerned.

He added that calls to this end were being made by member states of the 13-nation OPEC with low reserves and the United

The United States, he said, was "more enthusiastic to see oil prices rise in order to salvage its oil industry and avoid dependence on Gulf oil."

Sheikh Ali said Kuwait posses sed proven reserves which could last for "hundreds of years."

Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Iraq are the three oil producers that boast the highest oil reserves among the non-communist nations.

"Raising oil prices beyond \$18

runs counter to Kuwait's interest because it will mean lower prices

### Trade worries down dollar to new low

TOKYO (R) - The U.S. dollar tumbled to a post-war low of 140.55 yen on worries that Japan's trade problems will worsen but rebounded later because of concern that central banks might step up intervention,

The U.S. currency formally closed at 141.85 yen but climbed above 142.00 yen afterwards. The dollar finished here at 1.8070 West German marks.

Sellers were eager to dump the dollar after the United States anounced an unexpected \$15.1 billion trade deficit for February, dealers said.

The market had anticipated a deficit of only \$12 billion to \$13 billion and was frightened the gap would exacerbate U.S.-Japan trade friction, they said.

A committee of parliament here, trying to head off further problems with the United States approved a budget to stimulate the domestic economy, providing some bouyancy for the dollar just

before the close, dealers said. The United States has been calling on Japan to increase its imports through boosting its

domestic demand. However, after the closing price was officially posted, the dollar quickly rose in response to remarks by Bank of Japan Gov-ernor Satoshi Sumita that Federal Rerserve, the U.S. central bank, was determined to halt the dollar's drop.

He also told reporters that major industrial democracies had agreed in recent monetary conferences that the yen's current rise had been excessive and had discussed specific measures to raise fund for concerted interven-

Asked whether OPEC countries were abiding by output quotas as decided by their oil ministers in Geneva last December, he said that member states stuck to their quotas over the past two months. But he hinted there were violations recently.

The patience of developing countries cannot be sustained for long," he said. "My experience over the past decade indicates that the adherence of OPEC countries, excluding a few among whom is Kuwait, is not alright."

Sheikh Ali discounted calls for dropping the U.S. currency and shifting to a basket of currencies in calculating oil prices to avert more financial losses as a result of the plunge in the dollar's ex-"Speculation against the dollar

is pushing its exchange rate downward as it did in 1984 and 1985 when its value soared without an economic justification," he said. "What is important for OPEC countries is to agree on the price of oil for a certian period of time before discussing

He said the drop in oil prices had affected exploration activities throughout the world with U.S.

Arab fund finances \$30m

projects in Morocco, Iraq

CASABLANCA, Morocco (R) — The Arab Investment Society (AIS) has approved financing of two projects in Morocco and Iraq worth a total of \$30 million, AIS General Manager Jamil Abdullah

Mr. Al Jach told the Moroccan News Agency MAP that the society had approved financial aid of about \$18 million for a textile factory in Morocco, and \$12 million for a pharmaceutical project in

The Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa (ABEDA)

on Tuesday approved two projects totalling \$14.6 million for Madagascar and Zimbabwe, MAP reported.

Since it was established in 1973, the Khartoum-based ABEDA has disbursed nearly \$1 billion, including \$215 million of special aid, to non-Arab African countries, MAP reported.

WASHINGTON (AP) - Agricultural exports to the Middle East

and North Africa rose six per cent last year to \$2.7 billion, a U.S.

government report said Tuesday.

The value of U.S. agricultural exports to Morocco rose 71 per

cent in 1986, while sales to Tunisia jumped 135 per cent, the Agriculture Department report said. However, commodity exports

Other gainers included Turkey, where U.S. sales of farm products doubled to \$121 million. Slight increases were reported for

Saudi Arabia and Iraq.

Plunging oil prices sharply lowered export earnings of the region's OPEC members, the report said. Overall, the export

revenues of those in the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) dropped by a third to an estimated \$69 billion

BELGRADE (R) — Developing countries owe Yugoslavia \$2.5

billion and some show little interest in paying it back, a Yugoslav

The official Belgrade daily Borba said that Yugoslavia has as big

headache collecting what it is owed as it has in repaying its own

\$19.7 billion foreign debt.

It said \$2.5 billion is owed by the developing countries, half of them in Africa, to the Yugoslav Bank for International Economic

Cooperration, which underwrites insurance against non-commer-

cial risks for Yugoslav exports.

The bank has offered to write off part of its claims in exchange for goods, but many countries have turned a deaf ear, Borba said.

last year, about 25 per cent of their 1980 earnings.

Third World disregards

Yugoslavia's \$2.5b debts

U.S. agricultural exports

to M.E., N. Africa rise

to Egypt declined nine per cent.

newspaper said Tuesday.

"If present prices persist, projections indicate Britain's North Sea production will go down to the level where Britain will cover its domestic needs but not be an oil-exporting country," he said. Britain is not a member of OPEC.

He belittled the impact of the tax of six-cents-per-barrel imposed by the U.S. on oil imports six months ago, but warned against the consequences of a much bigger tax ranging between \$5 and \$10 which is being considered.

He said the U.S. would shelve this discussion since OPEC worked for raising prices to the range of \$18. "The Americans are using the new tax as a tool of pressure on OPEC to raise the benchmarker to \$22," he added.

Sheikh Ali said filing for bankruptcy by the U.S. giant Texaco Oil Co. "is a legal procedure which has nothing to do with the company's activities and consequently will have no effect on the oil market."

Sheikh Ali said Kuwait now controlled only two per cent of the West European oil market "but we aspire to acquire a larger

# LONDON EXCHANGE RATES Kuwait opposes oil price hike | S. Yemen announces first significant oil discovery

ADEN (R) — Impoverished South Yemen announced Wednesday it had found oil for the first time in commercial quantities, the last country on the Arabian Peninsula to do so.

the country "now joins the ranks 300 kilometres north east of of petroleum-producing countries, after oil was discovered in commercial quantities and good country. quality in (northwest) Shabwa governorate.

Marxist-ruled South Yemen borders Saudi Arabia, the country with the largest oil reserves in the world, but its search for oil had so far been largely unsuccessful.

The statement, issued jointly by Minerals and Energy Minister Saleh Abu Baker Ibn Hussainoun and Soviet Geology Minister Yevgeny Kozlovsky, said exploration which began in 1985 had resulted in oil finds in three fields in Shabwa.

A government statement said has been exploring in Shabwa, Aden, and several other foreign companies are also drilling in the

> The desert region of Shabwa is just across the border from North Yemen's newly discovered oil- standard of living. fields in the Jawf Al Baten area, where one of four oilfields drilled was found to have proven reserves of 500 million barrels.

production of 200,000 barrels per day (b/d) within a year, oil sources say, and its large deposits accelerate exploration.

The Soviet firm Technoexport output or reserves, saying these people.

were under study by Moscow and

South Yemen struck oil in 1982 when light crude flowed at 3,000 b/d from a test well off the Hadramut coast in the south east, but the Kuwaiti newspaper Al Anba said it had not proved economically viable.

The statement said mass rallies would be held in Shabwa to celebrate the finds, likely to boost the country's economy and raise its

"The discovery is the result of cooperation between the People's Democratic Republic of (South) Yemen and the Soviet Union in North Yemen plans to begin oil the light of the two countries' friendship and cooperation treaty," the statement said.

South Yemen, scene of bloody have encouraged Aden to fighting between Marxist factions in January last year, is one of the The statement, issued during a poorest Arab states and a major visit by the Soviet minister, gave oil find could dramatically change no details of the likely level of the fortune of its 2.2 million

### Joint land transport company posts net profit of JD 1 million for 1986

AMMAN (Petra) — The Iraqi- Jordan and by contributing effec- fishing trawlers as well as all Iraqi Jordanian Land Transport Company (ULTC) last year made ID 1 million in net profits by transporting goods and passengers be-tween Amman and Baghdad, the company's director general, Mr. Jamil Ibrahim, announced here Wednesday.
Mr. Ibrahim, who made the

announcement at a press conference, said that the establishment of the joint company was primarily to boost land transport operations between Iraq and Jordan in expression of the strong links binding the two countries.

Mr. Ibrahim paid tribute to the efforts of transport ministries in Iraq and Jordan for helping the joint company shoulder its responsibilities and he said that the LILTC will continue its work to serve the highest national in-

The ULTC, which was established in 1980, has become one of the major world companies in land transport operations and has established itself as a major factor in the national economies of Iraq and Jordan by stabilising transand Jordan by stabilising trans-port operations between Iraq and maritime lines, oil tankers, and mian organisations.

tively towards the speedy arrival of Iraqi goods via the port of Aqaba, Mr. Ibrahim continued.

Mr. Ibrahim said that in a relatively short time the company has participated in a number of pan-Arab conferences and studies on developing land transport and is also helping Jordan to offset the problem of unemployment by giving jobs to some 1,470

#### Haulage operations

The joint company's fleet of 1,301,352 tonnes of goods from Agaba to Iraq and in the first three months of this year the fleet of trucks carried 331,589 tonnes - raising the total amount of goods transported in both directions since 1980 to 5,293,977 ton-

nes, Mr. Ibrahim added. The company's fleet of buses vessels which dock in Aqaba, Mr. Ibrahim continued.

#### Expansion plans

Referring to future plans, Mr. Ibrahim said that the company plans to expand its operations by opening new routes to neighbouring countries and by opening new offices and agencies for Iraqi maritime companies.

Mr. Ibrahim said that the ULTC possessed assets worth JD 22.5 million at the end of 1986. He added that the company owns trucks last year transported 739 trucks, two garages in Aqaba as well as a fleet of buses for transporting passengers between Amman and Baghdad.

The company began with a capital of JD 7.5 million shared equally by the Iraqi and Jordanian governments but the capital was soon raised to JD 15 million. Mr. Ibrahim pointed out. He said transported 68,000 passengers be-tween Amman and Baghdad 1 million to the Iraqi war effort since 1982 and continues to offer and has also donated another unspecified sum to several Jorda-

White House spokesman, Mr.

Marlin Fitzwater, commenting on

the Reagans' drop in earnings, said the major factor was that the

president's blind trust did not

perform as well as in the past.

Meanwhile, many Americans were rushing Wednesday to meet

a midnight deadline to file their

# Reagan declares \$336,400 income

SANTA BARBARA, California for the couple's Easter vacation most competitive tax structure of (AP) — President Royald released a statement in which all the major industrialised na-Reagan, declaraing \$336,400 in income for 1986, filed his tax "the last gasp of the old tax white House cookers as Major industrialised nareturn to the accompaniment of a familiar retain: "No tax hike."

President Reagan filed jointly with his wife Nancy, and the first couple showed a drop in gross income from 1985 to 1986 — \$336,400 compared with \$394,492. The bulk of those figures represented his \$200,000 salary as president.

Their tax liability to the federal government for 1986 was

**\$**92,460. At the same time, White House press aides who accompanied the Reagans to California

"the last gasp code."

Repeating his threat to fight any move in Congress to enact general tax hikes or increases in rate structures, President Reagan said: "We will not break our word to the American people. There will be no tax hike."

At tax filing time in 1986, President Reagan admitted he didn't understand his return at

plained to him.

federal income-tax returns. Most taxpayers will file on the time, even after it was ex- time, despite a lot of confusion

about the new tax law - which "Starting this year," he said in does not affect returns being filed now — and about the new taxhas the sleekest, most modern, withholding form.

### **Peanuts**









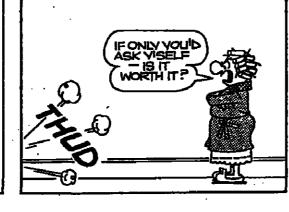
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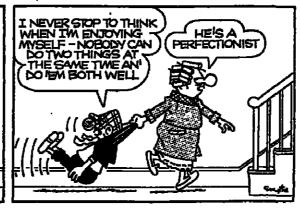




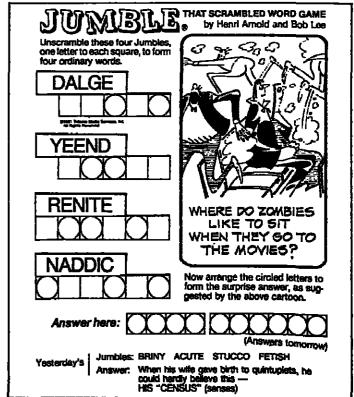
# **Andy Capp**











### **LONDON STOCK MARKET**

LONDON (R) - Equities extended their earlier gains after a sharp rise on Wall Street, where the Dow Jones index jumped 33 points in the opening 30 minutes of trading, but prices soon came

off their best levels, dealers said. Shares here were firm throughout the day after Tuesday's encouraging performance on the U.S. market, despite the larger than expected \$15.1 billion U.S. February trade deficit, and on the back of a steadier dollar, which helped to underpin major

exporting companies, dealers added.

At 1430 GMT the FTSE 100 share index was up 19.6 points at 1,928.5 after a high of 1,940.7 at 1350 GMT.

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The dollar was helped by comments from Bank of Japan Governor Satoshi Sumita implying that the U.S. Federal Reserve was determined to halt a further drop in the U.S. unit.

The market was also underpinned by a new opinion poll showing the ruling Conservative Party 10 points ahead of the Labour Party, and short-covering ahead of the long Easter week-end. Dealers also noted increased overseas buying, although oversell unlarge samplined relatively light although overall volume remained relatively light.

# Horoscope from the Carroll Righter institute

FORECAST FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 1987, GENERAL TENDENCIES: Today you can greatly benefit and gain by your own best judgment as well as through some very clever and ingenious ideas that you can now express.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) You can easily complete an arrangement with a partner. Make an effort to please your mate tonight.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Make your environment more charming. Before making outside contacts, meet with co-workers. GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Make your social plans

now, and then handle duties that require your immediate MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to Jul. 21) Make your home more charming and functional. Be highly roman-

tic with your mate tonight:

LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21) An important letter can be handled nicely. Entertaining pals at home promises fun. Be charming and courteous with them. VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Plan how to add to your

possessions. Also be sure to get important correspondence handled in a wise manner. LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Get into the intimate matters that mean a great deal to you. Practical affairs figure prominently tonight.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Study your secret

wishes and decide how best to go after them. Show your affection for your mate quietly. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Go after your

personal desires and attain them. Enjoy the company of your friends now.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) You can gain a favor from a bigwig now. Plan how to solve the business

problems plaguing you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Garner the data that is vital to your welfare. Cultivate a new contact who can become a fine friend.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Your intuitive perceptions may not be accurate now. Don't irk your mate in

IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY ... he, or she, will have every ability to ferret out the truth of any par-ticular situation. Slant the education along lines of investigation or research. Teach this one to be broad-minded and to study every phase of a matter. Your pro-geny has a keen mind, so nuture it.

# FORECAST FOR FRIDAY, APRIL 17, 1987

GENERAL TENDENCIES: Look into the principles of whatever new line of activity concerns you. Avoid anything of a confusing nature. New influential persons

can aid you now.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) You have fine ideas of an intimate nature, but don't let them interfere with outside practical interests. TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Try a new approach at a wish and it can soon be yours. A close friend can be

Of help to you.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Steer clear of a person in business who is too greedy. Join with influential per-

sons you know and trust.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to Jul. 21) You can
make your daily activities more profitable now, but don't be conned by a stranger.

LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21) Today you can enjoy recreations. Be very romantic with your mate tonight and be

happier together. VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Do whatever will bring more harmony at home. Steer clear of a fellow worker

who likes to quarrel. LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) You can run around and make new contacts of worth. Sitting at home will get

you absolutely nowhere.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) It's a good day to get into whatever activity you feel can bring you a greater income. Visit friends and neighbors.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Your judgment is good now since you can view everything most clearly.

Avoid one who is greedy. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Study your private wishes and know how to gain them. Adopt a new at-

titude and get good results. AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) It's an ideal day to contact the most prominent persons you know and state

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Contact those who can assist you in gaining your worldly ambitions. Handle credit and career matters. IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY ... he, or she, will have every ability at judging wisely, planning travels, getting along well with influential people, etc. The greatest success is apt to come far away from the place of birth. Give an extensive education, especially where modern aspects are concerned.

# Aquino seeks more U.S. military aid Muslim rebels admit getting foreign help

MANILA (R) — Philippine President Corazon Aquino asked the United States Wednesday to speed up delivery of helicopters as 17 more people, including a former air force chief, died in the war with Communist rebels.

announcement said Mrs. Aquino appealed for stepped up U.S. military aid during an hour-long meeting with a three-man U.S. congressional mission headed by Democratic Representative Gillespie Montgomery.

Mrs. Aquino also asked the United States to accelerate delivery of drugs and medical equipment worth \$10 million that Washington had promised during her visit to the United States last

The medical supplies were largely intended for soldiers fighting Communist rebels.

The U.S. House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Committee voted last week to approve a \$343.3 million package of milit-

SUDBURY, Ontario (AP) — A

pile of ore slid nearly 300 metres

down a mine shaft, killing four

workers who were crushed when

under the avalanche's weight,

"We were not successful. We have four fatally injured miners,"

said Morry Brown, director of

public affairs in Sudbury for mine

owner Inco Ltd. "We were able

to get in to recover the indi-

viduals, and they were pro-nounced dead at the mine site."

contact with the traped men

shortly after the accident Tuesday

at the copper and nickel mine in

northern Ontario, which won an

HARARE, Zimbabwe (AP) —

The government has dismissed as

"rumours and speculation" re-

ports that Zimbabwe planned to buy a squadron of advanced MiG-29 Fulcrum jet fighters from

the Soviet Union, the semi-offi-

cial Zimbabwe Inter-African

The agency said Minister of

gure in parliament denied foreign

The London Sunday Tele-

graph, quoting unidentified U.S.

sources, reported last week that

Prime Minister Robert Mugabe

was spending \$324 million and pledging cash crops in a barter

deal for 12 of the advanced

U.S. officials, speaking on con-

dition of anonymity, told the

Associated Press on Monday that

Zimbabwe had been actively

But U.S. State Department

BY CHARLES GOREA AND OMAR SHARIF

A.—Since partner passed originally, we hold out little hope for game.
We also feel it is quite probable you

have no better spot to play the

hand than in hearts-you know

suit. We suggest you pass. To bid

two spades is unlikely to improve

matters, and you are nowhere near strong enough for three

Q.2-As South, vulnerable, you

**9AK765 ♥AKQJ7 ♦93 46** 

A.-We are not inclined to remove

partner's low-level penalty doubles, especially when we would still be 3-to-1 favorites to win the

rubber. However, here your chanc-

es for slam are distinct and game

seems a certainty. We would ad-

vise partner of that by jumping to

Q.3-East-West vulnerable, as

**◆AKQ6 ∇Q872 0Q9 ◆A104** 

A .- Not only don't we think your

side can make game, we believe

even three spades could be too

high! You and West have at least 33

points between you, leaving only ?

points for the other two hands

combined. Even if partner holds

most of those, we doubt whether four spades would be viable.

The bidding has proceeded:

Pass 2 + Pass 7

What do you bid now?

West North East South

1 NT Pass Pass Dble

The bidding has proceeded: South West North Bast

What action do you take?

three hearts.

South you hold:

North East South West

Pass Pass 1 + 2 \(\nabla\) Pass ?

What action do you take?

Q.1-Both vulnerable, as South Pass.

negotiating to buy the aircraft.

news reports of purchases.

News Agency reported.

State for Defence Eme

fighters.

Rescuers had failed to make

a barrier above them collapsed

company officials say.

Four workers killed in

Canadian mine avalanche

Zimbabwe denies buying

Soviet MiG-29 planes

A presidential palace ary and economic aid to the

Philippines.

Defence Secretary Rafael Ileto, who attended the palace meeting with the congressmen, told reporters Manila wanted speedier delivery of 10 belicopters that the United States had

promised to deliver by July.

The helicopters would be used in the war with the Communist guerrillas on "a support basis," such as ferrying men to battlefronts and evacuating the wounded, Gen. Ileto said.

A military spokesman said suspected Communist New People's Army (NPA) rebels shot dead retired Air Force Chief Maj.-Gen. Jose Rancudo in his country house on Monday night after he refused to pay "revolutionary in Zamboanga Del Sur, on the vinces.

It was the second fatal mining

accident for Inco in the last

month and the third in Canada.

man, said the men were 1,150

metres underground and inspect-

ing a shaft at the mine in Levack,

north west of Sudbury, when the

accident occurred. Inco has been

mining nickel and copper in the

The ore had been blasted and

collected at a "loading point" and

was waiting to be removed from

the mine when it fell onto a

protective metal barrier over the

falling ore, they were struck by

the roof falling in," Ross said.

spokeswoman Phyllis Oakley said

the department could not confirm

If the report was true "then we

would certainly have concerns

about the political, military and

financial implications for Zim-

babwe and the southern Africa

The MiG-29 Fulcrum is one of

the most advanced of all Soviet

fighters, described by Defence

Department officials in the Pen-

tagon as "a significant wartime

Mr. Kadungure's remarks were

in reply to a question in parlia-

Q.4-Neither vulnerable, as South

A .- East's overcall has stymied

you. If you play five-card-major

opening bids, you might venture two hearts. Otherwise, you have to

pass and hope that partner re-

opens. The one bid you can't make is two spades; that would be forc-

ing to game except in the sequence where responder rebids his suit at

Q.5-Both vulnerable, as South

you hold:

\$\pm\$K87 \$\Q\$10654 \$\Q\$8 \$\pm\$772

The bidding has proceeded:

South West North East

Pass Pass 1 \$\Q\$1 \$\pm\$

A.—That fifth heart is awfully tempting, but don't let it lead you astray. If you switched it for a low

diamond, it would make little dif-

ference to the value of your hand

and your action would be clearer.

Bid two hearts. It needs a move

from partner if this hand is going

Q.6-As South, vulnerable, you

hold: +AKJ76 VKS 0852 +653

The bidding has proceeded:

West North East South
1 ○ Pass 1 NT Pass
Pass 2 ○ Pass ?

A .- If you think partner has a reasonable hand, you are probably

mistaken. He did not have the hand

for a takeout double of one dia-

mond or a heart suit good enough

to bid at the one-level Therefore.

don't penalize him for refusing to

sell out to the opponents at too low

What action do you take?

What do you bid now?

to produce game.

North East South 1♥ 2♦ ?

What action do you take?

air-superiority threat."

isting fleet.

GOREN BRIDGE

ANSWERS TO

WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

region as a whole," she said.

"They weren't struck by the

area for nearly a century.

workers' heads.

the report.

Ken Cherney, an Inco spokes-

If killed by the NPA, Gen.

Rancudo was the highest military officer, active or retired, to be killed by guerrillas in the 18-year-

Gen. Ileto said that while the rebels were the prime suspects in the Rancudo murder, investigators were also looking into other angles, such as business rivalry. The military said the rebels fled after taking two pistols that the retired general wore tucked in his

In other incidents, government forces killed 12 rebels and captured two NPA camps in weekend operations in Surigao Del Sur province, on Mindanao Island in the southern Philippines, and killed two insurgents in a clash Tuesday in Ilocos Norte

waistband.

Another rebel and a militiaman were killed in skirmishes Monday Negros Island.

More than 800 people have died since fighting flared up last February after a 60-day ceasefire

Meanwhile Muslim rebel chief Nur Misuari warned in an interview published Wednesday that his guerrilla army will "spread the flames of war" across the Philippines' Mindanao Island if peace talks fail and government forces provoke new clashes.

In a separate television interview Tuesday night, Mr. Misuari admitted for the first time that his forces were receiving financial assistance from other countries.

Mr. Misuari's warning followed the suspension of peace talks between his Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF) and President Aquino's government on Muslim demands for autonomy for 23 southern Philippine pro-

# Scuffle breaks out in Japanese parliament

TOKYO (R) — Scuffles broke out in the Japanese parliament Wednesday as angry opposition members tried to get at the Budget Committee chairman when he announced the pushing through of a controversial stimulatory budget by the ruling Liberal Democratic Party (LDP). LDP members yelling "victory, victory" surrounded Budget

Committee Chairman Shigetami Sunada, protecting him with their bodies from the pushing and shoving opposition members as he announced the decision to the Lower House Budget Com-

a highly unpopular sales tax and is also supposed to help meet demands from Japan's major trade partners that it do more in its own economy to boost world growth, instead of just earning more export profits.

The budget will now be passed

through the crush to rescue the

ageing chairman who was buffet-

ted as the irate opposition tried to

The budget for fiscal 1987,

which started on April 1, includes

automatically in one month's time, even if the upper house

# **Honduras confirms plans** to buy U.S. jet fighters

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras said. Previously, the air force has (AP) — The Honduran govern-relied on 12 French super Mysment announced Tuesday it will accept delivery in December of four advanced fighter jets from the United States, the first of up to 24 it is to receive.

U.S. officials in Tegucigalpa said in March that negotiations were nearly finished on the sale of F-5E fighters to Honduras, a key American ally in Central America and home base for many of the U.S.-supported contra rebels fighting Nicaragua's leftist government.

Honduran military officials had considered buying Kfir figher jets from Israel but gave up that idea "because of technical details," army spokesman Col. Manuel Suarez Benavides said Tuesday.

ment about the Defence Ministry's request for an extra 10 mil-Honduras expects to receive 18 tion Zimbabwe dollars (\$6 milto 24 U.S.-built jets over 18 months, government sources price. .

Mr. Kadungure said \$10 million was "nothing" when buying new aircraft, and the money was needed for maintaining the ex-

The replacement of the old bombers would assure Honduras' ward county courthouse became continued air superiority in the suspicious of the briefcase carried by Robert Gray, a 46-year-old defendant on charges of dealing

Honduras has one of the smallest armies in Central America,

about 17,500 men, and has long

tere B-2 light bombers, first flown

in the late 1950s.

relied on its air force as its primary hine of detence. Neighbouring Nicaragua has the region's largest army, estimated at more than 100,000 troops, and a fleet of Soviet-built helicopters, but it does not have

any fighter jets. Sources in the U.S. embassv and President Jose Azcona's office confirmed the report of the sale but declined to reveal the

### Contra chief Robelo resigns

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica (R) -Nicaraguan rebel chieftain Alfonso Robelo has said he intends to here, Mr. Robelo, 47, acknowstep down from the three-man directorate of the contras' main political umbrella group.

just over a month after the resignation of Arturo Cruz, was considered a severe blow to the U.S.-backed Nicaraguan rebel movement and likely to move it dined further comment, except far to the right.

Mr. Robelo, like Mr. Cruz, is a enemy. political moderate whose popularity in Washington has been key to the Reagan administration's efforts to win continuing U.S. support for the rebels, known as contras from the Spanish word for counterrevolutionary.

In a telephone interview with Renters from his exile home ledged that his departure from the rebels political directorate would lead to "a revival of the The announcement, coming forces of Adolfo Calero" within the contra movement.

He added that he had suffered "periodic and consistent problems" with Mr. Calero but deto say that Mr. Calero was not his "My enemies are those in the

Sandinista National Liberation Front," he said. Mr. Calero, a staunch rightist, heads the main rebel army, the Nicaraguan Democratic Force

# **Peking accuses Hanoi of** occupying Chinese islands

Vietnam on Wednesday of send- and the Philippines to the east. ing troops to an island in the South China Sea claimed by both tion to Taiwan, long have claimed countries.

"Recently the Vietnamese authorities have once again encroached upon China's territorial integirty and sovereignty by brazenly sending troops to Baojiao Island of China's Nansha Islands and illegally occupied it," Foreign Ministry spokesman Li rived. Zhaoxing told a weekly news conference.

"The Chinese government has stated on many occasions that Nansha Islands as well as Xisha Islands, Zhongsha Islands and Dongsha Islands have always been Caina's sacred territory and that China has the indisputable sovereign right over these islands and their adjacent waters," Mr.

Li said. The Nansha Islands are also known as the Spratlys, while the other islands named are part of the Paracels chain. The two Indian Foreign Ministry's accusa-chains are in the South China Sea tion that China had occupied the with China to the north, Vietnam Sumdorong Valley.

PEKING (AP) -- China accused to the west, Malaysia to the south China and Vietnam, in addisovereignty over both island groups. China stations troops in the Paracels, while Vietnam holds a few islands in the more southern Spratlys chain.

> Mr. Li did not say how many Vietnamese troops were occupying the island or when they ar-

The government "strongly condemns" Vietnam for occupying some islands in the Nansha group and demanded their withdrawal.

"The Chinese government reserves the right to recover these occupied islands at an appropriate time," he said without ela-

Mr. Li denied that China occupied Indian territory last year and said a valley India claims to hold actually belongs to Peking. Mr. Li made the comments in

response to a question about the

### 32 feared drowned in **Indonesian boat accident**

JAKARTA (R) - At least 32 after a boat crowded with passengers sank in Lake Toba in north Sumatra Tuesday, police said Wednesday.

Police said the small wooden boat laden with a cargo of onions was probably carrying 60 people. Four bodies have been recovered so far and 28 people were presumed dead, rescue workers

The lake is a popular tourist destination in Indonesia. The boat sank just 400 metres off shore in calm weather.

#### Central Sulawesi said rescue workers were sail hunting for the two missing panners. Nine hurt by explosions

march, injuring two people, witnesses said, and explosives set off at another area of the march injured seven others.

during Bolivian protest

In Washington, the State Department said an explosive device thrown by one of the protest marchers struck the building where the U.S. embassy is located and bounced back into the

LA PAZ, Bolivia (AP) — A stick of dynamite blew up in front of the U.S. embassy during a protest injured, along with some of the marchers, the statement said. More than 12,000 workers and students were marching to protest government austerity measures,

that at least 23 gold-panners were swept away and drowned last week by flash floods on the island

of Central Sulawesi. Two others

The rescue workers said a

group of 25 people who had been panning for gold at a camp next

to the Malai River for three

months were swamped by a sud-

A government spokesman in

den flood during the night.

are still missing.

An AP photographer at the scene said the dynamite explosion hurt two people. At another area of the march, a Molotov cocktail and a dynamite stub - a blasting crowd. cap with a piece of dynamite attached — exploded, hurting security officer, an American, seven people, witnesses said.

district court. The three men

have appealed against both judg-

Former Sikh bodyguard const-

able Satwant Singh, 23, was convicted of murdering Mrs. Gandhi

in the garden of her official residence after a 254-day trial. Sub-

Inspector Balbir Singh, 46. and civil servant Kehar, 51, were con-

### Supreme court orders stay of execution for Gandhi's killers on Jan. 22 last year by a Delhi

NEW DELHI (R) — The Indian supreme court has granted a stay of execution to three Sikhs sentenced to death for the murder on Oct. 31, 1984 of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi.

Two judges ordered the delay pending final appeals to the supreme court. No date had been set for the executions.

The Delhi high court confirmed in December the sentence of death by hanging handed down victed of conspiracy to murder.

dant in a drug case died and five

1 killed in U.S. court blast KOKOMO, Ind. (R) — A defenthe hallucinogenic drug LSD. The deputies brought Gray and

other people were injured when a his lawyer to the sheriff's office, where he "apparently detonated the bomb," police said. bomb he was carrying in a briefcase exploded in a courthouse in the central Indiana town of Kokomo, police said. They said deputies in the Ho-

Gray died and the sheriff was seriously injured and taken to hospital, where he underwent surgery. The lawyer and three others suffered less serious in-

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### Mozart manuscripts to be auctioned

LONDON (R) — Musical manuscripts by Mozart are to be sold in London next month in what auctioneers called the most important music manuscript sale this century. Sotheby's Auction House said 500 pages representing nine symphonies by Mozart were expected to fetch a record price on May 22. The previous music-manuscript record of £330,000 (\$534,000) was paid in 1982 in London for the first full-scale working draft of Igor Stravinsky's "rite of spring." The symphonies, composed in the 1770s before Mozart's 20th birthday, are written in brown ink on thick cream paper. They represent almost a quarter of his works and had been in the care of an anonymous collector. All other known works by Mozart are in public collections in libraries around the world, including Poland, West Berlin, Washington, New York, Vienna, Paris and

### Diamond merchants unveil \$1m swimsuit

TOKYO (R) — Tokyo diamond merchants unveiled a swimsuit Wednesday billed as the world's most expensive, a black leather creation studded with diamonds worth \$1.5 million. The bathing suit, created by Tokyo designer Kiyoko Shimura, contained 104 stones weighing a total of 62.35 carats. It was unveiled at a diamond show along with a matching diamond necklace. Shimura said she was pressure working with the pressions stones the largest said she was nervous working with the precious stones, the largest of which weighed 6.14 carats. "All of those diamonds are real," she said. An organiser said the swimsuit, which is to go on display for 10 days at a department store, -- s for sale to anyone willing to pay 200 million yen (\$1.5 million).

#### Chris Evert divorces husband

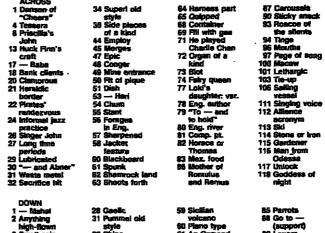
FORT LAUDERDALE, Florida (AP) — Tennis star Chris Evert Lloyd became Chris Evert again Tuesday after a brief appearance in court to complete her divorce from British tennis pro John Lloyd. The appointment to complete the divorce had been scheduled for Thursday, but she appeared at the judge's office two days early to wrap up the divorce. "She came in at 9:30 this morning with her attorney and a residency witness and asked if the judge could accommodate them this morning instead of Thursday," said Bunny Costantino, a judicial assistant for Broward Circuit Judge Joseph Price. "They had a waiver from Mr. Lloyd. It was finalised and she's gone back to her maiden name." Bob Kain, agent for Evert, said the financial agreement "is being kept private and confidential."

### Dog robs butcher

TELFORD, England (AP) — Bob Holmes says a German Shepherd dog has stolen meat from his butcher shop twice and he thinks it was trained to do so. The first time the dog snatched a 5-pound (2.2-kg) bag of sausages from a display table outside. An assistant chased the fleeing hound but it escaped. The next day the dog returned, snatched pork chops from a table and dashed to a waiting car. "A woman got out, took the pork chops and was driven off by the man at the wheel with the dog running after the car," Holmes said in his shop in Telford, Central England. "I was amazed. If this goes on I'll have to think of employing a guard dog to catch the dog thief," the butcher said. Inspector Terry Lowe of Telford police said the dog appeared to have looked over the display before choosing the chops. "The dog was seen to go past the butcher's several times before it snatched the chops," he said.

# WEEKEND CROSSWORD

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Last Week's Cryptograms

1. Rebuffed local politician rode into public office on contrails of presi-

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dent.
2. Wait! Could it be what big American industry really needs is just some on-the-job straining?
3. World-famous chef was uniquely honored by brimless hat called "the

toque of the town."

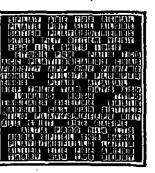
4. Some men search forever for the vivacious woman who under CRYPTOGRAMS

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2. CAZIM QYIM TAXYMYF. ORB QZITH EABY URNO OBB CIU NA CMYNYEF OF UIB REXERRAZY RE NOY NORTH BEAU.

3. KWOBHY BOG SWAMP SALA YKUTT TUM-UGL UG PGMUWAGY AB AHPEPGAHPP.

4. EXNZDI DINE DIVAN EXNAI DIVODN DINQQCX CA TOA EOZN AOQN QOAL -By Philip F. Brennan





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